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# 2 coyotes killed by park officials

ATTACK Officials say another two coyotes have been killed in Cape Breton Highlands National Park, including one believed to be involved in the mauling death of a young woman.

Chip Bird of Parks Cana-

Chip Bird of Parks Canada said the two adult males were shot by park officers Wednesday.

He said they believe one was involved in the mauling because it returned to the exact site of the attack and was exhibiting territorial behaviour and aggression. Bird said the second animal was shot because it was showing little fear of people and also appeared to be very aggressive.

A 19-year-old folksinger from Toronto, Taylor Mitchell, died late last month after she was attacked on a hiking trail in the park.

Another coyote believed to have attacked her was destroyed just hours after the tragic incident.

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Firefighter Louis Sinclair gets an H1N1 shot from nurse Jackie Hartley-Langille Thursday at the Highfield Park Fire Station. Robert Strang, the province's chief medical officer of health, announced that children 19 or younger with chronic medical conditions and women who have just given birth and their partners are now eliqible to get the H1N1 vaccine.

# Expanded coverage

Children with chronic illness, new parents added to H1N1 priority list

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The province's H1N1 vaccine priority groups have expanded to include children with chronic illness, women who have just given birth and their partners, Nova Scotia's chief medical officer announced yesterday.

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According to Dr. Robert Strang, these groups will be eligible to receive the swine flu vaccination effective immediately. People in the first risk group, including pregnant women and health-care workers, are still eligible to be immu-

"I'm urging everyone in these groups to get immu"If all the people in this group come forward in the next few days, we quite well might run out of vaccine. But I'd much rather immunize as many people as possible and run out of vaccine ... than be overly cautious."

Dr. Robert Strand

nized to protect themselves, their families and their community," said Strang. "It's their best line of defence against develop-

ing influenza and H1N1."

Strang acknowledged if everyone in the newly announced groups go to get vaccinated, it could deplete the province's vaccine supply.

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Strang also said the province expects to receive an additional 28,500 doses of the adjuvanted vaccine and 23,300 doses of the unadjuvanted vaccine designed for pregnant

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women sometime next week. He preached patience to groups who are still not eligible to receive the vaccination, acknowledging their frustration at the delay.

"Ultimately, everybody will get an opportunity to get vaccinated," Strang said. "I do understand that people not in the priority groups are frustrated and concerned, and I want to assure you that ... we will expand the groups further, as soon as we're able to based on the vaccine supply and based on our list of who is at greatest risk.

"As difficult as the situation is, we all have a responsibility to see that they get vaccinated first," he added.

# NDP wraps up first legislature sitting

POLITICS Nova Scotia's fledgling NDP government has completed its first legislative session in power that was marked by the province's first deficit in eight years.

Premier Darrell Dexter says he fulfilled a promise to Nova Scotians to "put the legislature back to work" in holding a 35-day session, the longest since

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former premier John Hamm's Conservatives sat for 37 days in the spring of 2003.

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The last fall session was 17 days, with the house sitting 39 days over the whole year.

Dexter, Atlantic Canada's first NDP premier, blamed the deficit on

shoddy bookkeeping by the previous Conservative government. Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil said the session was disappointing because the government passed a number of bills that were left over from the Tories.

Interim Conservative leader Karen Casey says the government showed a lack of leadership in pushing community college workers to the brink of a strike and in its handling of the H1N1 vaccine program. THE CAMADIAN PRESS

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# **Fundraiser in memory of slain teen**

Friends and family of Jon Reader will be holding a fundraiser at the Jolly Mug in Bayer's Lake on Friday. Clayton Park native Reader, left, was slain on Aug. 7, 2005, at the age of 19. All money raised will go to support the Jon Reader Memorial Bursary. Food, live music, discounted drink specials and merchandise will be available. There is a \$5 minimum donation at the door. Donations can also be made at Saint Mary's University.



# Cruise ship tops off banner year

TRAVEL The last cruise ship of the season arrived in Halifax yesterday, capping what port authorities are calling a milestone year for cruise travel in Halifax.

The Crystal Symphony, a Crystal Cruise Line vessel en route to Montreal from Boston, came into port yesterday. It's the last of 118 vessels and over 227,000 visitors to dock in the Halifax harbour this year.

The direct impact of cruise travel this season is estimated at \$50 million in passenger, crew, and cruise line expenditures.

The season also broke a one-day record for visitors, welcoming 11,000 people from five vessels on Oct. 8.

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# Gun registry an asset: Cop Long-barrelled firearms just as problematic as handguns, officer says

ALEX BOUTILIER

A new bill that would do away with long-gun registration is already coming under fire from local police. On Wednesday, Parlia-

On Wednesday, Parliament voted 164 to 137 in principle for C-391, a private member's bill to end the decade-old registry of shotguns and rifles. According to the Conservatives, the registry is a billion-dollar waste that targets honest gunowners while doing nothing to fight crime.

But proponents of the registry, including members of law-enforcement agencies, say it is an important tool for investigations. According to Const. Brian Palmeter with the Halifax Regional Police, officers have as much, if not more, incidents with long-barreled weapons as they do with handguns.

"We have a problem with rifles and shotguns as well



Erick Corkum, clerk at the Army/Navy store on Agricola, displays a 12-gauge Mossburg shotgun on Thursday. The House of Commons approved in principle a bill on Wednesday that would eliminate the decade-old registry of long guns such as hunting rifles and shotguns.

as handguns. We need rigorous controls for both," he said. "I think so far this year, we've seized 160 firearms, and over half have been long-barrelled firearms, which supports the need for the registry."

Palmeter said not knowing whether firearms could be involved when police respond to a call makes the job that much more risky.

"When officers know what they may encounter, they're prepared and are able to take appropriate actions," he said. "Ultimately, by knowing they're there, we can take steps to ensure that ... the community at large is not at risk because of them." WITH FILES FROM

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# snow tires to go around WEATHER Last year at this

Enough

WEATHER Last year at this time car owners faced a provincewide shortage of snow tires, forcing them to drive in potentially dangerous conditions without the proper equipment.

With the first snow of the season forecast for Friday afternoon, there's no shortage in sight this year.

Unlike many others, Wayne Rawding of Hydrostone Auto Repair is excited for the coming snowfall.

"People started coming in two weeks ago," said Rawding. "The parking lot is full every day."

Due to last year's shortage, Rawding made sure to remind all his customers to get their tires early.

The province of Quebec made it mandatory in 2008 for vehicles to be equipped with winter tires by Dec. 15. The law was enacted after 717 people died in car crashes in the province in 2006. Many of those were winter-related.

Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks said he does not believe it's necessary to enact a similar law in Nova Scotia. MICHAEL KIMBER/

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# Monday's Metro Socialite

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# Police issue warning after drug raid at home

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CRIME Police are reminding bar patrons in the Halifax area to keep a close eye on their drinks after a large quantity of a popular daterape drug was seized in Upper Sackville yesterday.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Joe Taplin said officers discovered 44 vials of GHB (gamma hydroxy butyrate) at a home on Lylewood m.metr**e**news.ca



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Drive.

"It's been a while since we heard about (GHB), but it looks like it's back out there," said Taplin. "People should be very aware when they're out, and be careful where they put their drinks."

GHB is colourless, odourless, and virtually tasteless— making it an ideal weapon for anyone wanting to spike a beverage, said Taplin. The effects of the drug vary, but can include dizziness, slurred speech, desire to sleep and loss of consciousness

According to Taplin, officers also seized about 10 grams of cocaine, 100 grams of marijuana, small amounts of ecstasy, hydromorphone, scales, drug paraphernalia and an undisclosed amount of cash in yesterday's raid.

Jesse Chase, 22, faces charges of possession of cocaine, GHB, ecstasy, marijuana and hashish for the purpose of trafficking. Jason Chase, 20, has been charged with possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking.

# Hyde's missing wife found safe

**SEARCH** Karen Ellet, the wife of the late Howard Hyde, has been found.

On Wednesday, police announced Ellet, also known as Karen Kormanaski, was a missing person. Late Thursday, they announced she had been "located safe and sound"

No further information was given. METRO HALIFAX



Last swan dies

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The last remaining swan in the Halifax Public Gardens passed away of natural causes on Sunday. **METRO HALIFAX** 

# Few complications in NDP's first session

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The NDP government has emerged from its first legislative session upbeat and relatively unscathed, but things may not be so easy in the fitture.

Here are some highlights of the fall session:

PAINT IT BLUE, THROW IT UNDER THE BUS: The most important single item this fall was the budget. Any other year introducing a \$592 million deficit would have been a political nightmare to defend. But being in office only four months, the NDP said they had no choice but to re-introduce the spring Tory budget with some changes.

While opposition parties try to pin the ugly financial plan on the current government, Finance Minister Graham Steele said the first true NDP budget will come out next year.

SCANDAL FREE'S THE WAY TO BE: Controversy became commonplace in the dying days of the Rodney MacDonald government but so far the NDP haven't had the same headaches.

The closest the NDP came to true scandal this fall was the revelation fisheries minister Sterling Belliveau sold his boat to a buyer who received grant money from within Belliveau's department.

The optics were bad and the opposition relentlessly hammered Belliveau. But the NDP showed proof Belliveau informed the conflict of interest commissioner beforehand and no smoking gun ever materialized. With the absence of concrete evidence of wrongdoing, the story fizzled out.

A Nova Scotia Community College Teachers strike looked like a big blow to the dippers, but again the NDP sidestepped trouble with a last-minute deal.

STUDDED BELTS: As raising MLA salaries became politically risky over the years, a rise in perks made up the difference.

But the NDP switched



Premier Darrell Dexter gestures as he leaves the podium in the media room at One Government Place on Thursday. Dexter's NDP government wrapped up the fall legislative session on Thursday after sitting for 35 days.

gears this fall, cutting hundreds of thousands of dollars of MLA spending.
First to go was a \$45,000

First to go was a \$45,000 no-questions-asked pot that's handed over to every MLA when they leave office. Later they did away with a \$2,500 per year technology fund MLAs used to buy things like computers and TVs.

MAKING A GOOD FIRST IMPRESSION: Most of the bills passed this fall were underway when the previous government fell, but there were some notable exceptions.

The NDP followed through on their promise to remove the HST from home heating electricity in order to "make it more affordable to Nova Scotian families." This and other NDP promises did add \$34 million to the deficit — but after \$500 million, who's counting?

Another bill banned political donations from unions and corporations. It also happened to ban the Liberals from using a \$2.3-million fund long accused of having corrupt origins. The Liberals got a small bit of revenge when they snuck the bill through approval before the NDP had a chance to beat them up over it.

"emergency debates" were called this fall — one by the Tories on a looming NSCC strike and one by the Liberals on H1N1 immunization.

The problem is there's not much for MLAs to do other than rehash what they'd already talked about. By the end of this week's two-hour H1N1 emergency debate only 13 of 52 MLAS

were still present.

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fixing the economy to
keeping rural ERs open,
NDP election promises
gave them a lengthy to-do
list.

When opposition parties didn't see much changing, they scolded the government for making promises and then failing to act. The NDP's catch-all response was they had only been in power a few months and these things would take time.

They used first steps like jumpstarting a review of the province's health system to further deflect criticism. The government may look back on this session as the good old days as early as next year, when they come face-to-face with their promise to balance the budget in a time of reces-



LIBERALS Nova Scotia Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil says his party should consider giving the money from a controversial \$2.3-million trust fund to a community organization.

The decision on what to do with the money is up to

the party

McNeil says there are a number of worthy organizations or endowments that could benefit from his party's long-term support.

Earlier in the fall session of the legislature, the Liberals decided to support amendments to the Members and Public Employees Disclosure Act that ended the party's use of the fund.

In the 1970s, Liberal fundraisers were prosecuted for raising funds illegally and putting them in trust funds.

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The Propeller brewery on Gottingen Street was robbed yesterday at 10 in the morning. A man entered the storefront and demanded money from the lone, female clerk. He did not show a weapon but kept his hand in his pocket. He fled with a small quantity of cash. METRO HALIFAX



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# **Drivers not stopping: Cops**

Halifax Regional Police say they have issued several tickets recently to motorists failing to stop for school buses with their lights flashing.

Since students returned to school in September, police say there have been numerous complaints of drivers passing buses in both directions on roads throughout the municipality.

"While a number of different areas have been identified, one location on the Hammonds Plains Road west of Highway 102 has resulted in a number of tickets," said police spokesman

The initial fine for passing a stopped school bus is \$394.50 and six points against your driver's licence, said Palmeter.

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# Conditional sentence for Millbrook band manager

The band manager of the Millbrook First Nation in Nova Scotia has received a conditional sentence after changing his plea to guilty on various drug and weapons charges.

Alex Cope, 45, was given house arrest for two years less a day in court in Truro.

Cope also received a lifetime firearms ban, will be on probation for three years, and must make a donation of \$7,500 to the Millbrook Youth Group.

His common-law wife, Nicole Williams, 31, got a suspended sentence, a year of probation and a 10-year firearms ban after 20 Criminal Code and several drug charges against her were withdrawn by the Crown.

The court heard that Cope has been a primary mover of economic growth in the community and will continue as band manager.

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# Transit plan needs to get moving: Harvey

MICHAEL KIMBER

While the newly proposed five-year transit plan has hit some traffic snarls, Lower Sackville's Coun. **Bob Harvey says Halifax** Regional Council needs to push the plan forward as quickly as possible.

According to Harvey, the problem is this: Metro Transit needs to close a \$13.6million funding gap and the city's 23 councillors are obligated to look after the interests of the people in their ridings. That's caused an impasse.
"The consequence of

pulling back from public transit is that we cannot move people around where they need to go, to work, to every place they need to go," says Harvey. "Eventually it will have an effect on

"The consequence of pulling back from public transit is that we cannot move people around where they need to go ..."

Coun. Bob Harvey our economy. Public transit is the key to a smart city in the 21st century."

At an Oct. 27 recent council meeting, various councillors objected to suggestions of raising bus fares, bridge tolls and parking fees for motorists, as well as the idea of reduction of bus routes in their areas.

Harvey believes there needs to be a careful look at the most economical way of running the transit system. Harvey says if the city is putting money into routes that

turn, they need to think about committing that money elsewhere.

He admits he is unsure which is the best way of dealing with the continuing funding gap. He says that while an increase in fares may solve the problem this year there needs to be a new plan for subsequent

He says if the city is making public transit the primary way of moving people around the province, they may need to divert money from other capital projects to make public transportation, not private motorists the top priority.

In related news, Metro Transit announced Thursday they would be purchasing 15 Nova LFS Artic articulated vehicles valued at \$10.4 million to be delivered mid 2010.

# Schools to during pandemic

## Flu Outbreak

SPREAD The NDP government has no intention of closing down schools in Nova Scotia in response to the H1N1 pandemic, the province's education minister said yesterday.

Marilyn More told pandemic.

The virus is now in the wider community," she exeffective in preventing the

While More admitted change as the virus spreads, tremely disruptive.

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# stay open

reporters all public schools will remain open as Nova Scotia heads into the second wave of the

plained. "Public health officials have told us that clos-ing schools will not be spread of H1N1.

that circumstances could she said keeping all students and teachers at home would be a drastic measure that could be ex-

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As of Wednesday, 189 out of the province's 480 schools had reported higher-than-normal levels of absenteeism. The number of Nova Scotia continues to climb, but there is still no indication that swine flu is the main cause of the decrease in school attendance.

# Blaze No injuries in house fire



A firefighter wraps up a hose after a fire at a home on Riverside Drive in Lower Sackville yesterday. No one was injured in the blaze, although a woman was attended to by paramedics as a precautionary measure.

#### Two robberies under investigation

THEFT Halifax Regional Police are investigating two robberies that took place in Dartmouth Tuesday night.

The first occurred just after 6 p.m. at the Zellers pharmacy in Mic Mac Mall. A male suspect passed a note to the clerk demanding drugs and indicating he was carrying a firearm. MONIQUE MUISE/METRO HALIFAX The suspect proceeded to

flee on foot.

The second robbery oc-curred at approximately 9:30 p.m. at the Ultramar on Victoria Road. A male suspect entered the station. indicated he was carrying a weapon and demanded

Both files are still under investigation by police.

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Canwest Global Communications Corp. said Thursday that a group of its lenders have extended a deadline for the company to file its recapitalization plan. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Caribou decline a hoax: Outfitter

Caribou herds aren't shrinking; scientists are just looking in the wrong place. That's the opinion of some aboriginal elders and at least one outfitter determined to expose what he calls a fraud. John Andre, owner of Montana-based Shoshone Wilderness Adventures, has maintained for years that official estimates of caribou populations have been manipulated. Government biologists, he says have deliberately created the impression of declines. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Gun registry staff hid information: Van Loan

**POLITICS** Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan, under fire for sitting on a 2008 RCMP report on the Canadian firearms program, suggested staff at the national firearms registry are deliberately hiding information in order to ensure the registry's survival.

Van Loan's stunning claim came on a day when another RCMP report part of the governmentwide annual performance reports — showed the firearms registry of the Canadian gun control program is costing less and being used more than ever by police. Numbers are now the new weapon as the battle begins anew over the future of the long-gun registry. The RCMP — responsible for administering the overall gun control program published its annual performance report that shows operations of the registry are being stream-TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# **News** in brief

**DRUG BUST** Authorities say a man was caught smuggling more than 40 kilograms of Ecstasy across the Michigan-Ontario border, then co-operated with agents to pinch the men waiting for the delivery. The man was caught Tuesday afternoon driving an empty car carrier across the Ambassador Bridge from Windsor, Ont., to Detroit. A U.S. Customs and Border Protection officer searched the vehicle's cab and found three duffel bags containing the Ecstasy.

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# **Tory ridings cash in: Analysis**

Study shows largest stimulus chunks also hit cities, coveted seat

The biggest winners of the Conservatives' stimulus extravaganza include one of the prime minister's closest friends, a riding the Tories desperately hope to win in a byelection next week, and a longtime party stalwart.

Eastern Ontario MP Scott Reid, the Nova Scotia riding of Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley and British Columbia MP Jim Abbott are three of the clearest winners in the distribution of stimulus spending, a broad analysis by The Canadian Press shows.

Several urban cores also fare well. Downtown Ottawa, in a riding held by the NDP, is a top scorer, along with Downtown Vancouver, (Liberals), and Winnipeg Centre, (NDP).

Drawing on the underlying data that supports an interactive online map displaying budget announcements, the analysis counted, located and evaluated 4,833 projects announced across the country as of Oct. 25. Each project was assigned a riding. The map does not include dollar figures, so each project was also assigned a score, according to whether the government said it was small (under \$100,000), medium (between \$100,000 and \$1 million), large (between \$1 mil-

#### **Online**

 The interactive online map that displays Ottawa's individual budget announcements can be viewed at actionplan.gc.ca/eng/map.asp).

lion and \$5 million) or extra-large (over \$5 million).

The results show that Conservatives come out on top in most provinces, although occasional opposition ridings do well, too. In British Columbia, Conservatives win seven of the top 10 rankings. Ditto for Ontario. In New Brunswick, three of the top four scores go to Tories. Even in Quebec, Conservatives punch above their weight.

Government largesse also struck Cumberland-Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, a riding currently held by Independent MP Bill Casey, which the Tories have high hopes of winning back in a byelection set for Monday.

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## Link to, don't host reports: Auditor

ONLINE The office of Canada's auditor general says it's perfectly OK — and much appreciated — if websites link to reports on its government site, but warns they should not be hosted elsewhere.

Advocates for copyright reform expressed concern Thursday when the auditor general's office demanded the Globe and Mail newspaper remove a copy of a report that had been attached to one of its online articles. The Globe was displaying the report with a web application called Scribd, which allows large documents to be embedded on a web page without the need for an external program.

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# St. John's **Singing to survive**



Robert Decker, 28, the lone survivor of a helicopter crash that killed 17 off Newfoundland's east coast, Robert Wells, commissioner of the Offshore Helicopter Safety Inquiry and Decker's lawyer Dan Simmons, right to left, are viewed on television monitors at the inquiry into the incident in St. John's, Thursday. Decker says he escaped the submerged chopper through a broken window, ascended to the surface and sang to himself as he waited to be rescued.

# Gatti fortune fight set for long haul

**COURTS** The widow of late boxing champion Arturo Gatti has been awarded \$40,000 to cover legal fees and child-care costs, but her fight with his family over his sizable fortune looks set to go the distance.

The sum falls far short of the \$150,000 advance that Amanda Rodrigues was seeking from Gatti's estate.

And in another blow to the 23-year-old Brazilian native, Superior Court Justice Paul Chaput concluded in his ruling Thursday that custody of the couple's dog is not an urgent matter for the time being.

Chaput awarded Rodrigues \$30,000 to cover legal fees and \$10,000 in eventual child-care costs for their son, Arturo Jr.

But the stakes in the bitter dispute are way higher



Amanda Rodrigues, Arturo Gatti and Arturo Gatti Jr.

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The former world champion, who was born in Italy and raised in Montreal, was found dead under mysterious circumstances at a posh Brazilian seaside resort last

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The good life for senators costs taxpayers \$177 million

The 27 senators appointed by Prime Minister Stephen Harper over the last year could cost Canadian taxpayers \$177 million over the life of their tenure, according to a study released by New Democrat MP Peter Stoffer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Swine flu's on a roll from sea to shining sea

#### **Nova Scotia acts**

• Nova Scotia says people 19 or younger who have chronic medical conditions, along with mothers who have just given birth, are now eligible to receive swine flu vaccine. Mothers' partners are also eligible.

• As of Nov. 3, swine flu had killed 101 in Canada.

# Swine flu is surging across the country.

Canada's chief public health officer says hospitalizations, intensive-care unit admissions and deaths from the H1N1 influenza virus (also known as swine flu) are three times higher this week than last.

Dr. David Butler-Jones say the western provinces, the territories and New-

# Flu Outbreak

foundland and Labrador have been hit hard.

"We expect to hear of more illness and deaths in the coming weeks as we go further into the second wave," Butler-Jones said.

Butler-Jones says overall flu activity is still below its peak during the virus's first wave in June.

But he expects to surpass that spring high point within a few weeks.

"As of last week, we were below the peak weeks of June," he said.

"Now we're catching up.
"So we're not quite there yet, but over the next few weeks we're going to see perhaps what we saw in Iune."

Millions of Canadians

## "We expect to hear of more illness and deaths in the coming weeks."

Dr. David Butler-Jones

have received the swine-flu shot.

Public health officials say, as of Nov. 3 nationally,

swine flu had killed 101 people.

More than 1,700 people have been hospitalized since the virus appeared in April.

By comparison, they say the common flu sends about 20,000 Canadians to hospital each year.

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# Quebec Masked flu fighters



A mother brings children for their H1N1 flu shots Thursday in Laval. Que.

# Torch route sets politicos ablaze

GAMES The Liberals and NDP are up in arms because residents of ridings held by the Harper Conservatives will have a much better chance of taking part in the Olympic torch relay celebrations.

In Ontario, the torch will manage to hit nearly threefifths of the 51 Conservative-held ridings.

Across the country, the torch relay will be celebrated in 91 Conservative-held ridings, 20 Liberal ridings, 17 NDP ridings and 17 Bloc Québécois ridings.

Québécois ridings. VANOC, the Vancouver Olympic organizing committee, denies the Conservative government had any input into the torch relay route.

But the Liberals and NDP say the heavy weighting of celebrations in Conservative ridings couldn't be a coincidence.

The Conservatives say the opposition complaints are off the mark. "This torch relay route was designed 100 per cent by VANOC, not the government." Heritage Minister James Moore told MPs.

Andrea Shaw, VANOC's vice-president of sponsorship and marketing, said: "The route planning was not based whatsoever on political ridings."

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## **News** in brief

FIREARMS If federal politicians want to kill the gun registry, the may have to stare down the families of Polytechnique massacre victims. Quebec's public safety minister reacted furiously to a move to scrap the long-gun registry, which

was inspired by the murder of 14 Montreal university students 20 years ago. The backlash comes after the entire Conservative caucus, 12 New Democrats and eight Liberals voted to scrap the long-gun registry. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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#### Internet crimes, including child porn, on the rise in Spain

Spain says Internet-related child pornography has risen tenfold in the past five years. Francisco Villanueva of the Interior Ministry says the number of cases has gone from 108 in 2004 to 1,024 last year. Other Internet-related crimes also rose. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World



# No problems with H1N1 vaccine: WHO

The World Health Organization says millions of doses of H1N1 vaccine have been given so far and no unusual side-effects have been seen. Dr. Keiji Fukuda, the agency's top flu expert, told a news conference in Switzerland on Thursday that 20 countries have started to administer the pandemic vaccine, which appears to be very safe. "We see no evidence at all that there is widespread occurrence of antiviral resistance," Fukuda told reporters.

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Killings shaking Brits' faith in Afghan mission

# Miltary base massacre

A U.S. military mental health doctor facing deployment overseas opened fire at the Fort Hood Army post in Texas on Thursday, setting off on a rampage that killed 12 people and left 31 wounded, Army officials said.

Authorities said immediately after the shootings that they had killed the suspected shooter, but later in the evening they recanted and said that he was alive and in stable condition at a hospital, watched by a guard.

"His death is not imminent," said Lt. Gen. Bob

Cone at Fort Hood. He offered little explanation for the mistake, other than to say there was confusion at the hospital. A law enforcement official identified the shooting suspect as Army Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan. The official spoke on condition

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of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the case publicly.

The violence was believed to be the worst mass shooting in history at a U.S. military base.

The shooting began around 1:30 p.m. EDT, when shots were fired at the base's Soldier Readiness Center, where soldiers who are about to be deployed or who are returning undergo medical screening, Cone said. It was unclear what the motive was, though it appeared he was upset about a scheduled deployment.

#### five British soldiers gunned down by an Afghan policeman has shaken U.K. public support for the war in

man has shaken U.K. public support for the war in Afghanistan, intensifying debate about the human cost of the conflict and increasing calls for a pullout.

If British troops can't trust the Afghan colleagues they are supposed to be training, critics asked Thursday, how can they fight the Taliban? And where does it leave an exit strategy that depends on handing over control to Afghan forces?

The deaths dominated newspaper front pages, television news shows and radio phone-ins, even as the Ministry of Defence announced the death of another British soldier Thursday in an explosion in Helmand province.

Several newspapers used the same photo, of the



An Afghan man outbursts in anger over a raid that killed a man Thursday. NATO forces said the dead man was a militant.

bloodied flak jacket of one of the victims. "I don't think we ever

"I don't think we ever should have gone there," said Jane Cooke, 49, expressing an increasingly common view.

"There is an inner conflict going on there, and it's never going to be resolved."

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# UN pulls workers

• The United Nations said Thursday that it will send more than half its international staff either out of Afghanistan or into more secure compounds following last week's deadly Taliban attack against UN workers.

#### **News** in brief

INTERNET Google knows what you'e interested in, where you go on vacation, maybe even when you're having lunch. As of now, you're free to check ex-

actly what Google has gleaned about your life. On Thursday the tech giant launched its Dashboard feature, which summarizes the information that has been gleaned when you use any of 20 Google products, including Gmail, Google Alerts and Calendar.

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A Florida baby missing for five days was found alive in a box under her babysitter's bed, and authorities said Thursday they plan to charge the sitter, her husband and the child's mother. Investigators found seven-month-old Shannon Dedrick tucked under a bed surrounded by items meant to hide her. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Africa could split in two ... literally

Africa's eastern edge has begun to crack away along a 60-kilometre rift that appeared virtually overnight.

According to a new study, the continent will eventually split along a 5,000-kiloline between Ethiopia in the north and Mozambique in the south. A huge new ocean will fill the gap between the resultant land masses. The surface fault in the arid, sparsely populated region of Afar

in Ethiopia appeared over the course of 10 days in September 2005, according to seismologist Atalay Ayele of Addis Ababa University. At its widest, the so-called Afar Depression is roughly a football field across. At its deepest, it goes down 2 km.

Ayele described it Thurs-day "as the most exciting place on Earth" to study the large-scale seismic effects of tectonic shifting. Most faults this size appear be-

## Million years

• The split is not expected any time soon. Ayele referred to a "geologic time scale" running to a million years. However, he said, "a series of volcanic events" might push that timetable up significantly, to a thousand years or so.

neath the oceans. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

# Africa Funds to fight AIDS dwindling



A pedestrian passes an AIDS education billboard in Johannesburg, South Africa, in April. The global recession and pressure to divert funds to other health crises are hurting the fight against AIDS, a medical group warned Thursday, with one health worker saying he feared a return to the days when the AIDS virus was a death sentence in Africa.

# Prosecutors point to child as proof of sexual assault in Texas polygamy case

TRIAL Jurors began deliberations Thursday in the first criminal trial stemming from the raid of a polygamist group's Texas ranch, prosecutors urged them to convict a 38-yearold member of sexual assault of a child.

Standing before photos of the alleged victim and her daughter, assistant attorney general Eric Nichols said the evidence showed that Raymond Jessop was guilty.

Nichols said the alleged victim was brought to the Yearning For Zion Ranch at 15 and entered a socalled "spiritual" marriage with Jessop. She became

pregnant at age 16.

Defence attorneys argued that prosecutors failed to produce a witness that placed Jessop in Schleicher County at the time of the alleged assault — a critical element in the case.

If convicted, Jessop could face 20 years in prison.

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#### **News** in brief

**HEALTH CARE** Throughout the debate about health-care reform in the U.S., Canada's system has often served as a punching bag for both Republicans openly swinging at it and Democrats ducking from suggestions of Canadian-style reform. This time the attack

came from Dick Morris, a renowned political strategist, in an opinion piece entitled "Canada's Healthcare Disaster." Morris makes unsubstantiated claims that Canadian doctors are deserting the profession after "more than a decade of public health care with manda-

tory coverage." Unions "control the entire health-care process" in Canada, he added. **HONDURAS** Efforts to create a unity government aimed at ending Honduras' political standoff appeared to be dragging past Thursday's deadline.

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Abbas won't run for re-election in Palestine

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas says he won't run for re-election in January, blaming the stalemate in peace negotiations with Israel for his decision not to run again. He charged the U.S. with backtracking on its Mideast policy and refusing to press Israel to freeze construction in its West Bank settlements. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Guard admits to detainee's rape

# Trial throws spotlight on 'black jails' for those with government complaints

A guard at an unofficial jail in the Chinese capital has pleaded guilty to raping a young detainee, an activist said Thursday, in a case that has turned attention to "black jails," where a growing number of people seeking justice from the government end up.

The guard told a district court Wednesday he raped the 21-year-old student in August after she came to Beijing to ask the central government for help, local

#### **Jail site**

• An Associated Press reporter visited the jail — a guesthouse — after the reported attack and found a filthy room with metal bunk beds and a bolted door where the woman and others were reportedly held.

human rights activist Liu Dejun said.

Liu was not in court but was told of the guilty plea

by people who attended the one-day trial. A verdict is expected within 30 days. "He ruined my life." the

"He ruined my life," the woman told journalists after the trial session, the Beijing News reported Thursday.

The woman, from central Anhui province, had been expelled from college because of poor exam scores and wanted to ask the government to reinstate her. Thousands of Chinese come to Beijing

every year to air complaints ignored by local authorities, but rights groups say hundreds are rounded up by provincial officials who fear the complaints may get them in trouble.

The government has denied that the jails exist, and the term was not mentioned at the trial, Liu said.

In August, the ruling Communist Party ordered local officials to meet regularly with people complaining of injustices, in an effort to stop them from coming to Beijing.

The woman escaped with about 50 other detainees after the guard fled following the alleged rape. The night she arrived, the guard forced his way onto her upper bunk and raped her, she told the AP in August. When the detainees broke through the wooden door and ran away, they took two bloody sheets as evidence.

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# Oklahoma couple clip escaped elephant in SUV

ANIMALS It's not unusual to see a deer or a cow crossing Oklahoma's rural highways. But an elephant?

An Oklahoma couple driving home from church nearly slammed into a giant pachyderm that had escaped from a nearby circus late Wednesday.

"Didn't have time to hit the brakes. The elephant blended in with the road," driver Bill Carpenter said Thursday. "At the very last second I said 'elephant!"

Carpenter, 68, said he swerved his SUV at the last second and ended up side-swiping the 29-year-old female Asian elephant on the highway in Enid, about 128 kilometres north of Oklahoma City.

The couple, who own a

## Fled the circus

 The elephant had escaped from the Family Fun Circus at the Garfield County Fairgrounds earlier Wednesday, apparently after something had spooked it while it was being loaded into a truck.

wheat farm, weren't injured. But the 2.5-metre, 4,500-pound elephant was being examined Thursday for a broken tusk and a leg wound.

Enid veterinarian Dr. Dwight Olson said the elephant, which seemed to be otherwise unhurt, was hiding in some bushes just off the highway when he arrived shortly after the accident.

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# **Moscow Preparing for parade**



Russian soldiers dressed in Red Army Second World War uniforms wait for a parade rehearsal, with St. Basil Cathedral in the background, in Moscow Thursday. The parade marks the 68th anniversary of a Nov. 7 parade on Red Square when soldiers went to the front during the Second World War.

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## **News** in brief

AVIATION Two U.S. airline pilots who overshot their destination by 240 kilometres have filed appeals of their flight license revocations with the National Transportation Safety Board. The appeals were filed late Wednesday, said board spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz. The Federal Aviation Agency said the pilots put the 144 passengers of Northwest Airlines

Flight 188 in serious danger on Oct. 21 when they failed to communicate with anyone on the ground for 91 minutes despite repeated attempts by air traffic controllers and their own airline to reach them. The pilots told investigators they lost track of time and place while working on crew scheduling on their laptops.

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# Ida losing steam after ravaging Nicaragua

STORM Hurricane Ida ripped into Nicaragua's Atlantic coast Thursday, destroying homes and schools and downing bridges before losing steam and becoming a tropical storm.

Ida, clocking 125 km/h winds, struck land around sunrise in Tasbapauni, about 60 miles northeast of Bluefields, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said.

About 80 per cent of homes were destroyed in nearby Karawala, a fishing village of about 100 shacks near the mouth of the Rio Grande de Matagalpa, said Mario Perez, Nicaragua's National Civil Defence director. "There was major damage in the region's infrastructure, such as fallen bridges, damaged schools and government buildings," Perez said.

No deaths or injuries have been reported.

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# No citizenship box on U.S. census forms

POLITICS U.S. Senate Democrats Thursday blocked a Republican attempt to require census forms to ask people if they are U.S. citizens.

The proposal by was aimed at excluding immigrants from the population totals that are used to figure the number of congressional representatives for each state. Critics said the plan would discourage immigrants from responding, and would be hugely expensive. They said that it has long been settled that the congressional seats are determined by the number of people in each state, regardless of whether they are citizens.

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# Court a welcome start



few years ago for reasons that matter here — I ended / \up sitting through a full day of rousitting tine arraignment proceedings at the Spring Garden Road courthouse. Guilty pleas, not guilty pleas, bail hearings, trial schedulings, 30 days to pay your fine, you're released on your own recognizance, you're back to jail ..

Somewhere in the middle of it all, a small human drama unfolded. I'm no longer sure I have the details exactly right, but I do remember the essence.

The case concerned a

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poor couple, probably in their mid-50s, who had been together forever and seemed to genuinely care for and depend on each other. But both had a vari-

ety of what are delicately "The reality is that described as there are still far mentar health "chal-lenges." They also drank cases clogging up too much, too our judicial system One would to no purpose." often.

get angry.

Fists would fly. The police would be called. The day's aggressor would be hauled off to jail to sober up, then trundled off to court to pay the price. The victim — all having now been forgiven and forgotten in the sober light of day would show up, too, to support their partner in the joint crime of living sadly.

The judge would render a verdict, usually ordering the guilty party to stay away from the person they had hit for a period of

Within days - sometimes hours — they would be back to-

gether. And then it was only a matter of time until the cycle began again.

was waste everyone's time and tal-

ent. Because everyone the cops, the Crown, the over-burdened legal aid lawyer, the judge - knew it wouldn't solve anything.

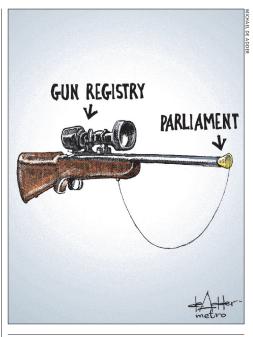
On this particular day, the judge had had enough. For what must have been an hour, she and the equally frustrated Crown and defence attorneys tried to figure out how to get the couple the help they needed instead of imposing legal sanctions that hadn't, wouldn't couldn't improve thing.

The reality is that there are still far too many such cases clogging up our judicial system to no purpose.

Which is why the opening this week of a new mental health court in Dartmouth is so encourag-"There are limited tools available in the traditional criminal court," as Judge Bill MacDonald, who will preside at the court. explained Metro's Paul McLeod this week. "The needs of many of the people before me who have mental disorders are beyond what a traditional court can deal with."

The mental health court won't solve all those problems, of course, but it is a welcome start.

Stephen Kimber, the Rogers Communica-



#### Letters

#### **Fathers of Confederation** chose monarchy for Canada

I have read the two articles in Metro (Nov. 3 and Nov. 4) written by Lawrence Martin and Paul Sullivan advocating abolishing the monarchy in Canada. Neither column has given even one example of stifling democracy in this country by our Queen or of her representatives, which is more than can be said for certain politicians.

The Fathers of Confederation were not pressured by the British government into keeping the monarchy when planning a constitution for the new country but freely chose the Crown. What is needed here now is education in our constitution and why we have a monarchy.

The monarchial system of government in Canada works well for the most part and I don't think it should be changed.

> WILLIAM A. FISHER. BEDFORD, N.S.

#### November reminds us that Christmas is around the corner

Re: Reasons to love November (Nov. 2)

I believe my reason is the most important. No-

vember is when we get to start decorating for Christmas! The third week of this month is when my countdown starts and the lights and tree go up.

Not to mention all the

other unnecessary treasures put on display that I've collected over the years to make my house more "merry."

Just thinking about unpacking those boxes makes me happy!

MARA GORDEY, EDMONTON

#### Lest we forget the freedoms that we have today

# Re: Reasons to love Novem-

ber (Nov. 2) Nov. 11 is one day you missed. It's a day in which

we get to remember and honour the people, both men and women, who have given their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today.

Freedom of the press, freedom to choose ones partner in life, freedom of religion, freedom to travel, and all the other luxuries that we take for granted on a daily basis.

Remembering these people should definitely put a smile on ones face.

Lest we forget! JOHN BUFFETT, TORONTO

# How did grandma get on Facebook?



For years my parents have vearned to know every little thing about their grandkids' lives. However, phone calls were unproductive. "Yes, yes, no. Bye grandma."

Emails were even shorter. "Luv u 2." So recently, I suggested my mom (not allowed to reveal age) get a Facebook account.

Sooner than you can say, "Grandma would like to add you as a friend on Facebook," grandkids were actually leaving their rooms and asking, "Do I have to add grandma on Facebook?"

siblings shrugged. The kids relucadded grandma. tantly Briefly, the thought fluttered through their minds that all those pictures showing 14 year olds hanging out in the park and getting into "mischief," 17year-old band members performing in their underwear and university students attending thousands beer-soaked might be unwise.

However. that was soon forgotten because grandma download a picture, so she seemed and, in fact, was

But she lurked. I instructed her early

on not to post on anyone's wall (Stuff like Shouldn't you be doing your homework instead of posing with those scantily clad girls?) And she's been taking my advice. "I love it honey — it's like being a fly on the wall. What is a hook-up, anyway?"

Of course, it's taken over her life. My dad emails me, Well, this Facebook is really something — your mother loves it." I imagine him bravely pacing around the house wondering where his next meal is coming from. It won't be from grandma, whose eyes are bugged out as she scans through pictures

of her granddaughter's 20th birthday party. should be doing the dishes.

but I'd rather come in and check Facebook to see what's going on.") It certainly provides a

different view of her grandkids, but rather than tut-tutting she's keeping (grand) mum. Instead of being sucked in by those cherubic faces smiling in fake innocence across the Christmas dinner table. her new Facebook X-ray vision shows them to be the hellions they really are. Christmas stockings are more likely to be stuffed with hookah pipes, fake ID and gift certificates to rehab (for the older ones) this year rather than the traditional gloves scarves

But she's not complaining. That's because she's hit the (grand) motherlode.

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Fewer customers gulped down Arby's roast beef sandwiches at the third quarter, as more and more fast-food diners stayed home because of the recession, Wendy's/Arby's Group Inc. said Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# pel workers walk off job

Fearing widespread layoffs, thousands of Opel workers walked off the job across Germany Thursday to protest General Motors Co.'s decision to abandon the unit's sale to new own-

Their indignation was echoed by Russian and German leaders, who both questioned GM's decision. Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin claiming GM exhibited an "arrogant attitude" in abandoning months of negotiations.

Workers at Opel's head-quarters in Ruesselsheim vented their frustration and anger at a rally.

"Our trust (in GM) is now zero, and that is the heart of the problem," Klaus Franz, the head of Opel's employee council, told the work-

Organizers estimated that 10,000 workers attended while police put the figure



An Opel worker carries a coffin past the historic Opel main entrance in Ruesselsheim, Germany Thursday. Opel employees walked off their jobs to attend a mass rally at the automaker's headquarters, protesting GM's decision to abandon the unit's sale to new owners the workers hoped would preserve jobs.

at 6.000. Smaller rallies were being held at factories in Bochum, Eisenach and Kaiserslautern.

German politicians were still furious over the switch. Chancellor Angela Merkel's office said she had discussed it with President Barack Obama, who told her he had no involvement in Tuesday's decision by the board of the majority government-owned company.

Merkel and Putin were strong backers of the planned sale of a majority in Opel to a consortium of Canadian auto parts maker Magna International Inc. and Russian lender Sberbank.

The decision was an embarrassment to Merkel. coming hours after she had addressed the U.S. Congress. German officials swiftly demanded a restructuring plan from Detroit and vowed to recover by Nov. 30 a \$2.2-billion US bridge loan granted to keep Opel afloat as a buver was sought.

German workers worry GM will make even more cuts to return Opel to profit than Magna would have. Still, the decision won a cautious welcome from union officials in Britain and Poland, where workers had feared possible cutbacks in a Magna takeover.

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# Rose-coloured employment data?

**ECONOMY** The surprisingly sharp turn-around Canada's labour market this summer is raising eyebrows among analysts that the most timely and critical barometer of economic strength may be sending false signals.

A consensus of economists surveyed predicts Friday's new labour force survey of employment will find that 10,000 new net jobs were created in October, the third straight month of gains.

But Scotiabank senior economist Derek Holt, among others, is leery of the Statistics Canada labour force survey that has shown 58,000 new jobs created in August and September, when according to the same government agency, Canada's economy was flat in July and contracted by 0.1 per cent in August.

Fast food slows down

"Why would employers be adding so much to their payroll when the economy on balance still stinks?" Holt asks.

The recent employment gains are also at odds with the general belief that as the economy recovers, jobs are one of the last indicators to return since firms will resort to increasing the hours of the employees they have before adding workers.

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# Manulife profits slide in Q3

INSURANCE Manulife Financial Corp. slid to a loss in the third quarter as lower corporate bond rates pulled down profits and it logged charges related to its actuarial assumptions.

The Toronto-based insurance giant said Thursday it booked a loss of \$172 million down from year-earlier profits of \$510 million or 33 cents per share.

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#### **Business** in brief

RIM Research In Motion Ltd. says it has been authorized to spend up to \$1.2 billion US to buy back its common shares from the open market and cancel them. The share buyback program, which the Waterloo

Ont.-based company would conduct through the Nasdaq stock market, allows the Black-Berry maker to cancel up to 21 million of its common shares, or 3.6 per cent of the outstanding number.

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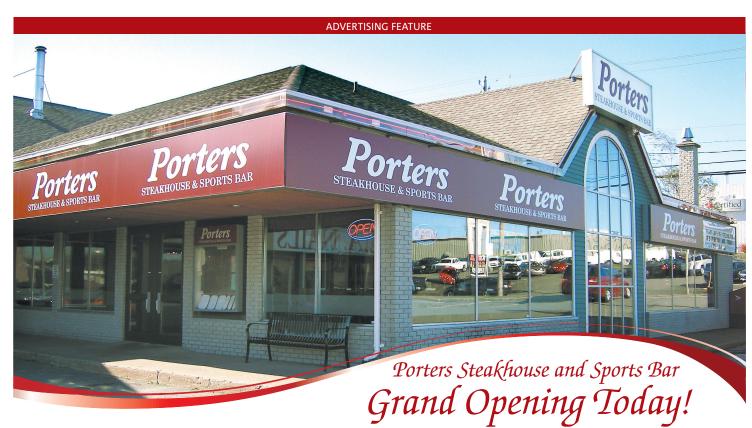
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fair trade JustUs! coffee, tea and sugar is served exclusively. As folks at Porters like to say, "It's okay to be from Dartmouth!"

Owners, Chris and Scott, as well as General Manager Barb Matthews and the rest of the

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Glavic named Dinos' MVP

Former Saint Mary's Huskies quarterback Erik Glavic has been named Calgary Dinos' football MVP. After arriving from SMU, he threw for 2,186 yards and 14 touchdowns and rushed for 503 and six more majors. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Sports



# Beaton tabbed for N.S. Hall

Former CFL lineman Bruce Beaton, left, of Port Hood is one of five etes being inducted into the Nova Scotia Sport Hall of Fame on Saturday. The others are Jody Hennigar (softball), Gordie Smith (golf) and Mickey Fox and Brian Heaney (basketball). METRO HALIFAX

# Andrews looking to bust out

Mooseheads confident first-round pick will find his scoring touch

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As the Halifax Mooseheads' practice came to a close on Thursday, Brent Andrews ripped a one-timer past goalie Randy Chisholm and gave a mock pump of the fist in celebration.

Twenty games into his QMJHL rookie campaign, it's a celebration the highlytouted first-round draft choice is still waiting to experience when it counts. He's goalless as the Mooseheads kick off a five-game home stand on Friday and Saturday against the Vald'Or Foreurs and P.E.I. Rocket.

Although most expected the 6-foot-1, 197-pound centre would have more than his meagre two assists, Andrews has brought a consistent work ethic, played well in his own zone and generated more chances than the numbers show. "It's alright," he said after

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leaving the ice. "I'm getting my chances, so if I keep working, I know the points will come. I'm trying to work hard and play my game.

The Mooseheads traded stalwart defender Gabriel O'Connor to the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies in the offseason to acquire the 15th overall pick used to select Andrews.

The 16-year-old from Hunter River, P.E.I., has logged as much time as anybody not named Tomas Knotek, Gerrad Grant or Travis Randell. The organization continues to peg him as the cornerstone of its rebuilding process, and the coaching staff has often compared him to Logan MacMillan.

"He's going to be a good

player in this league for a long time," Mooseheads head coach Cam Russell "Sometimes, it comes later for guys, but when it comes, it comes in bunches Eventually this season. you'll see him bust out."

Andrews said the speed and strength of the players and the pace of the game has been the biggest adjustment.

"Everything happens so much faster," he said. "You have to know what you're doing before you get the puck.

It would be a bonus for the last-place Mooseheads if Andrews finds his offensive touch. They're dying for someone to ignite their league-worst offence and help snap a 12-game losing streak. Andrews is as good a bet as anybody.

"You'll see," Russell said.

"It's like the team in general. People have to be patient. We'll take our lumps, but next year or the year after, you'll see a different hockey team."



16-year-old Brent Andrews from P.E.I. has only managed to get two assists so far this season.

# **Huskies in** camp mode for bye week

AUS FOOTBALL The Saint Mary's Huskies entered "training camp mode" this week as they enjoyed a bye to the Atlantic University Sport Loney Bowl at Huskies Stadium on Nov.

The Huskies await the winner of Saturday's 1 p.m. semifinal clash between the St. Francis Xavier X-Men (6-2) and the Acadia Axemen (2-6), live on East-

"We're just getting healthy, trying to stay focused ... And not screw up," joked head coach Steve Sumarah. "Lots of individual work, review periods ... Training-camp mode."

The Huskies have also appealed a three-game suspension to running back Devon Jones, who allegedly punched a player in a Week win over St. Francis Xavier. They're waiting for a ruling, but might not get one until Monday.

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# Coach aiming for quick turnaround for b-ball program

MATTHEW WUEST

**AUS BASKETBALL Scott Munro** hopes this is the beginning of a new era for the Saint Mary's Huskies women's basketball team.

second-year head The coach has recruited eight newcomers in an effort to turn around a program that has won just three of its past 40 Atlantic University

Leading the way are East Preston's Justine Colley, a 5foot-9 guard who starred for the Canadian under-19 team in the summer, and former Bishop's Gaiters first-team all-Canadian Laura Pitfield, a 6-foot-2 forward from Ottawa.

"We've made huge gains with eight new players and we've got an opportunity to be a pretty good team," Munro said. "We're one of the teams with a shot to win a championship and I think we can be a really good team by the end of it.

Colley and Pitfield join returning fifth-year all-star Kelsey Daley as the Huskies' key players. The season opens this weekend with the Huskies visiting the defending champion Cape Breton Capers in Sydney on Friday and Saturday.

Munro has high hopes for Colley, who eschewed NCAA Division I offers and is one of the country's top

players.
"She provides instant offence, gets to the rim and distributes the ball," he said. "She's also a lockdown defender. She's a great player and we're looking forward to it.

The Dalhousie Tigers, under new head coach Anna Stammberger, open the season on Friday on the road against the New Brunswick

Varsity Reds. They went 14-6 last season and lost in the championship game to Cape Breton.

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**Sports** in brief FIGURE SKATING The St. Mar-

garets Bay Skating Club will play host to the BMO Skate Canada Maritime sectional championships starting Friday. One hundred and sixteen skaters are expected to compete, aged eight to 19, in the first stage of a two-step to qualify for nationals. AUS SOCCER Andrew Rigby of

the Cape Breton Capers and Tessa Roche of the P.E.I. Panthers were named Atlantic University Sport men's and women's soccer MVPs yesterday. Dalhousie Tigers women's head coach Jack Hutchison was coach of the METRO HALIFAX



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#### Lesnar out of UFC 108 fight: Carwin

Lesnar out of UFC 108 fight: Carwin
UFC heavyweight champion Brock Lesnar has mononucleosis and can't fight
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# **Toronto needs** PanAm bid win



oronto is set to make its pitch to host the 2015 Pan American Games If it finds the strike zone, high performance athletics in Canada could hit one out of the park.

"This city needs to be inspired," says Olympic gymnast Alexandra Orlando, who brings an athlete's voice to the final presentation in Guadalaiara, Mexico. Toronto steps to the plate last after Lima, Peru and Bogota, Colombia. "If we're successful we could change the face of sport in

Beyond the dreams of the politicians, who have ulterior motives, the second biggest international multisport showcase could help inspire Canada's largest urban population to become participants rather than

The bid calls for 17 municipalities in the Golden Horseshoe to stage 36 sports and for 16 days to be a playground for more than 5,000 athletes from the 42 member nations of the Pan American Sports Organiza-

It's a gathering double the size of the winter

Olympics.
"It could change a lot of lives," stresses Orlando, the winner of seven Pan Am medals, including three gold at the two Games she competed in at Santo Domingo 2003 and Rio de Janeiro 2007. "There is no permanent environment to develop summer Olympic excellence right now. This could provide it."

The Toronto 2015 bid calls for a cycling velo-drome and 15,000-seat athletics stadium in Hamilton as well as an aquatics centre and Institute of Sport in Toronto. Boxing will be east in Oshawa, whitewater canoeing north in the Haliburton Highlands and rowing south in St. Catharines.

The total budget for infrastructure and legacy is tious undertaking — a necessary step before Toronto can make another serious bid for the Olympics.

Then there's the real up side to this Pan American proposal.

If it flies it might help change the culture in communities where swimming pools, tracks and high school gymnasiums are closing and where kids are glued to a litany of pro sports on TV instead of becoming active competitors.

"The benefits from these Games would be immeasurable," figures Alexandra Orlando. "They will lay the foundation for the next generation of Canadian Olympians."

Orlando will make that pitch in both Spanish and English in Mexico and hope Toronto can score biggest sporting triumph in recent memory.

Everyone knows Canada's biggest city desperately needs a win.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

# **NHL Habs top Bruins in shootout**



Montreal centre Glen Metropolit sets to tip in the first goal of the game as Boston goalie Tim Thomas falls out of position Thursday night in Boston. The Habs beat the Bruins 2-1 in a shootout.

## **Sports** in brief

MLB Pitcher Tim Hudson and the Atlanta Braves are nearing agreement on a three-year contract. Atlanta holds a \$12 million US option on the 34-year-old

right-hander, who was 2-1 with a 3.61 ERA in seven starts this season after his return from elbow ligament-replacement sur-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS gery.

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Serbian police say they have arrested a suspect in the fatal attack on a French soccer fan in a Belgrade cafe two months ago. The victim, Brice Taton, was among a group of Toulouse fans who were attacked by Partizan Belgrade hooligans before a Europa League match between the teams in September. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UFC heavyweight champs, three current UFC heavy-

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Jamaica two-man bobsleigh team brakeman Marvin Dixon, left, jumps in their rented sled as Hannukkah Wallace pilots earlier this week at the Whistler Sliding Centre in Whistler, B.C.

# They're back! Just don't mention Cool Runnings

BOBSLED More than two decades later, the story hasn't changed for the fabled Iamaican bobsled team

A handful of young men from the Caribbean island nation. all physically blessed with speed and power, embark on an Olympic odyssey. Unable to quickly fulfil their quest in track, they put their disdain for ice and snow aside and become intrigued by bobsledding, where a lack of funding and access to the right equipment impede their progress and threaten to derail their hopes

You've heard this before, right?

Only this isn't the Disney movie that offered a somewhat-fictionalized version of the 1988 Jamaican team and its path to the Calgary Games. This is very real for a new generation of Jamaican sledders, a group that cringes at any Cool Runnings parallels and insists that not only are they serious about their sport but that maybe, just maybe,

# **2010 Games**

they're good enough to surprise at the Vancouver Olympics.

"People do not understand: This is my passion. This is our passion," said Hannukkah Wallace, the team's driver. "I really want to get an Olympic medal. It's all I've ever wanted. I really, really, really need it. And if they ask me about the movie. I tell them, the movie was a comedy, but our crashes our real."

So against all odds, here they go again.

Get ready, Vancouver: The Jamaicans are coming.

"I think a lot of people might believe that it's sort of an amusement park ride to the Olympics," Stephen Samuels, who represents the Jamaican Bob-sleigh Federation. "I don't know how to describe it to you, other than this. This is their life. They are serious athletes.

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# **Underdog ready to** take on MMA legend

He's got the physique of a professional bowler not a brawler, the disposition of a dead fish and a name you can't pronounce. But make no mistake. Fedor Emelianenko is the most exciting and dangerous fighter on the planet. He's the Babe Ruth of mixed martial arts, and on Saturday night he will headline the biggest MMA fight of the year, Strikeforce: Fedor vs. Rogers, airing live and for free on CBS.

has lost just once in 31

With dollar signs in its Fedor, as he's known, eyes, the UFC tried desperately to sign Fedor three fights, and that months ago, enwas nine vears is Brett visionago. Among the fall-ONLINE AT en are MYCARSVILLE.C four

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# **HSBC World Golf Championship**



Nick Watney hits his tee shot on the 17th hole Thursday during the first round of the HSBC World Golf Championship in Shanghai, China, Watney shot an 8-under 64 to lead after the first round. Tiger Woods was three shots back in a tie for fifth.

#### **Sports** in brief

**BUSTED** San Francisco Giants star pitcher Tim Lincecum is facing misdemeanour marijuana charges following a traffic stop in his home state. Lincecum was fined a total of \$622 US for driving at 74 m.p.h. in a 60 m.p.h. zone, and for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. Both are misdemeanours. RAIDERS The National Organia zation for Women says Oakland Raiders coach Tom Cable should be suspended while the team investigates allegations he has a history of

violent behaviour toward women. Cable has acknowledged striking his first wife with an open hand more than 20 years ago and says that's the only time he's ever touched a woman inappropriately. METRO NEWS SERVICES

musclebound champion, Brock Lesnar. But the inscrutable Russian chose

the lesserknown Strikeforce and fans reacted the way people diď when the Red Sox sold Ruth to the Yan-

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their with ice road trucker and bomb defuser. The man who will play Be-owulf to Fedor's Grendel

mountain of muscle with a Mr. T mohawk and sleep in his fists. Rogers is undefeated in 10 fights, but until four months ago he made his living changing tires. Punching people un-

hobby. Then, Rogers knocked out former UFC champ Andrei Arlovski in just 22 seconds which is almost three minutes faster than it took Fedor to knock

conscious was merely a

him out. Now, Strikeforce has set up a fight even Hollywood couldn't script, a mythic invincible Russian versus an all-American underdog with the proverbial puncher's chance of winning. Come to think of it, this was a movie, Rocky IV. While Fedor is obviously Ivan Drago, it just remains to be seen whether Rogers is Rocky Balboa or Apollo Creed.

# 2 out of 3 ain't bad for Phils

BASEBALL Charlie Manuel was heading to the interview room when he spotted a reporter walking alongside.

Two out of three, that's what I told them," Manuel said.

Sounds like the Philadelphia Phillies and their manager already have set their goal for

2010. The Phillies fell two wins short of becoming the baseball first NL team in 33 years to win consecutive World Se- back." ries titles, los- Charlie ing to the New York Yankees in six games. Looking ahead to next season, they

Manuel, **Phillies** manager

"We love

to play

... We

will be

see plenty of reasons for optimism. 'We've got a good team. and we love to play baseball," Manuel said.

We will be back. The team has a young nucleus of star players who are under contract for at least one more season. Chase Utley, Ryan Howard, Jayson Werth, Jimmy Rollins, Shane Victorino,

Cliff Lee, Cole Hamels, J.A.

Happ and Joe Blanton are

all 30 years old or younger. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Visit metronews.ca/movies to get showtimes, watch trailers and read reviews.

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## Movies

# **Apocalypse now**

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Director Roland Emmerich talks about his latest in a line of disaster movies, 2012, opening next week and starring John Cusack.



Lots of laughs, but no Oscar buzz for Clooney's latest.



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# **Destroyed again**

# Director's return is bad news for Earth

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When speaking with Roland Emmerich, a director synonymous with bigbudget disaster films, the first question that comes to mind is what, exactly, does he have against the planet earth?

"Nothing," he insists, sit-ting comfortably in a lodge Jackson Hole, Wy., just miles from where he filmed much of his latest movie, 2012 - opening next week - was filmed.

"Sometimes you destroy what you love."

After raining destruction down upon our planet through aliens (Independence Day), giant monsters (Godzilla) and global warming (The Day After Tomorrow), Emmerich admits he had reservations about taking on another project of

#### Movie feature

that kind.

"I thought, 'Should I do another disaster movie? Another end of the world movie?" Emmerich said. In the end, he relented. "I'm drawn to disaster movies because in disaster movies there are no rules, really As long as you tell story lines that all converge at the

He also enjoys slipping his own agenda into bigbudget popcorn films, following the belief that a spoonful of CGI-enhanced destruction will help the progressive ideas go down.

"There's always this need to have some sort of a philosophical or political aspect in my movies," said Em-merich, who also admits he can be too subtle. "In Independence Day, everybody thought it was blatantly pa-

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triotic, and nobody saw that it was the first African-American, WASP and Jewish guy working together to save the world. They didn't see all the little jokes we put in about race and reli-

Emmerich's For next feature, he's leaving the world of catastrophe and special effects behind, focusing instead on a very un-Emmerich subject: The question of who actually wrote the works of William

next

Shakespeare. Anonymous, set to begin filming in March, is a story the director has been inter-



John Cusack stars in Roland Emmerich's latest end-of-the-world film, 2012.

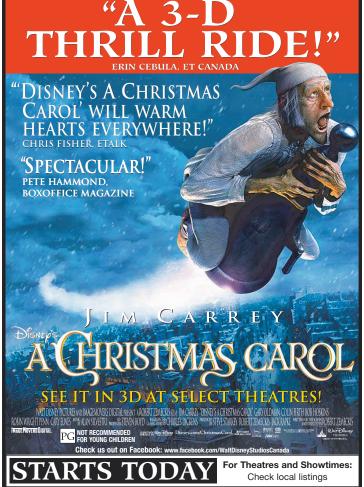
week ested in for quite some time — he first purchased the script eight vears ago before developing it further with writer John

"I found it fascinating," Emmerich said. "We had to

make sure this movie's not a new version of Amadeus," he explains. "This has to be more than that. It has to be a political movie.

'I'm casting right now, and I get all these compliments from these famous English actors, and they all want to be in my movie," he says with a laugh. "When Vanessa Redgrave says it's the best script she has read in the last four, five or six years, that tells you something.'





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# Plenty of laughs in absurd Goats

# The Men Who Stare at Goats

Director: Grant Heslov
Stars: George Clooney, Ewan
McGregor, Jeff Bridges
Classification: 14A
Rating: ### 1/2

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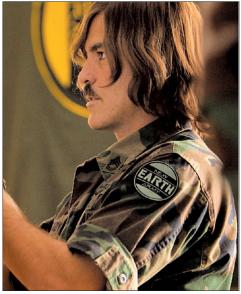
Despite a popular notion, not every George Clooney movie can be Oscar material. This one isn't, but it is an often wickedly funny poke at U.S. military might.

Grant Heslov based the film on The Men Who Stare at Goats, Jon Ronson's examination of "the apparent madness at the heart of U.S. military intelligence" and comes up with an unexpectedly complex tragicomedy and Clooney makes it palatable.

The film details psychic warfare techniques allegedly developed in an official secret unit called the New Earth Army, falling in the you'll-never-believethis category. No performance, not even Clooney's, can match the story's fascinating absurdities.

It's a desert road romp that follows Lyn (Clooney) and Bill, a reporter (Ewan McGregor) on a mysterious mission in the war-torn Middle East. Lyn is apparently an undercover operative with a past and Bill is hungry for a story and keen to tag along.

Lyn tells Bill that he is ex-New Earth Army and re-



George Clooney stars in The Men Who Stare at Goats.

veals his "powers" of cloud bursting and reading the future.

According to Lyn's yarn, paranormal applications in the military began when a Vietnam veteran turned hippie named Django (Jeff Bridges) declared war on war and invited soldiers to love the universe.

Experiments lead to the formation of the New Earth Army of "psychic soldiers" steeped in new age philosophy and psychotropics who developed the abilities of remote viewing, walking through walls, killing with a touch, stopping a goat's heart by

staring forcefully, reading minds — strategies meant to induce shock, awe, and capitulation in the minds of the enemy.

Men is surreal, tragic, and funny. Clooney is as charismatic and compelling and helps us believe a dicey premise. McGregor is OK, cast unsubtly as Bill

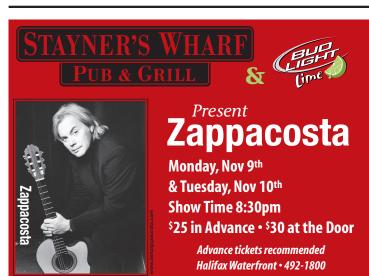
The Men Who Stare at Goats is an interesting film trapped inside something being sold as a mass market comedy.

 Men Who Stare at Goats photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets visit metronews.ca/movies



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Lefevre, Dillon to attend Giller Prize gala

Twilight star Rachelle Lefevre, left, and Flashpoint actor Hugh Dillon will be among the presenters at next week's Scotiabank Giller Prize gala. Lefevre stars in the upcoming movie version of Barney's Version. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Cold, cold **Christmas**

#### A Christmas Carol

Director: Robert Zemeckis Stars: Jim Carrey Classification: STC Rating: 🕮

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I've never understood the appeal of motion capture animation. Sure, Robert Zemeckis may have mastered the technical trickery of making the real Tom Hanks look like an animated Tom Hanks in 2004's The Polar Express, but I just couldn't help thinking, "Why didn't you just film the real Tom

The question is raised again in the case of A Christmas Carol, in which Zemeckis hooks Jim Carrey up with sensors to capture his skillfully-portrayed six roles (including Ebenezer Scrooge) only to animate said characters into a 3-D form that essentially strips the life from their eyes.

As if that wasn't problematic enough, the Oscarwinning director chose one of the world's most iconic stories to reproduce with this fancy, but ultimately alienating technol-

For those uneducated in the ways of Scrooge, he is a curmudgeon wrapped up in his own selfish misery until visited by a series of spirits who show him his influence on those around him.

Indeed, it's a tale that has



Jim Carrey plays Scrooge and many other characters in the latest version of A Christmas Carol.

resonated with folks ever since Charles Dickens conceived it in 1843 for its wholesome themes of family, redemption and selflessness which all reflect the exact opposite of Zemeckis'

main accomplishment with this remake: self-indulgently grandstanding his own command of motion-capture animation.

Don't get me wrong the effects are simply stunning. But after the initial novelty of the digital wizardry wears off and you cold, unnecessary undertakseek the warmth and heart that's allowed the original story's longevity, you'll more likely discover this

ing will leave you muttering "bah-humbug" on your way

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Adding to the recent slew of board game movie adaptations, Sony Pictures have picked up the rights to Risk, Hasbro's strategy game in which players vie for global hegemony by destroying each other's armies and generally hanging around in Greenland. EMPIREONLINE.COM movies&entertainment 25

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# When pirates ruled

'60s Britain, outlaw radio spread the love

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada



## Bill Nighy doesn't believe in the '60s. Not literally, of

Born in 1949, the popular actor who's starred in everything from Underworld to Pirates of the Caribbean spent his youth in the prominent decade. But a nostalgic hippy, he's definitely not.

"I don't have a particular nostalgia for that era," said Nighy during a recent interview in L.A. "I don't like the phenomenon of people age telling younger people that it was better to be young then because it

"It was just like always some of it was good, some of it was bad. There were some dreadful trousers and there were some good trousers."

Nighy may not be terribly sentimental about his youth but perhaps that's because he'd rather look to the future — specifically to



Despite being completely unsentimental about the '60s, Bill Nighy stars in Pirate Radio

next week's release of Pirate Radio, a '60s-set en-semble comedy that tells the true story about a group of British deejays who get around the gov-ernment's ban on rock 'n' roll by broadcasting from harboured in the North Sea.

Directed by skillful filmmaker Richard Curtis (Love Actually), the film harkens back to the wistful era when men wore thick sideburns and radio rocked with bands like The Troggs.

The comedy recalls the tone of Robert Altman's earlier works so it wasn't surprising to find out Curtis gathered his cast to watch Altman's 1970 hit M\*A\*S\*H prior to filming a bonding experience that wasn't universally appreci-

didn't finish. watched about 40 minutes

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couldn't get past it." n't be shocking since the Even with Frost's lack of director appears universally loved by his cast. participation, Curtis defi-

"Richard is a believer, said Nighy, who also starred in Love Actually. "He doesn't make romantic comedies because he

thinks it will manipulate the money out of your wallet, he does it because he wants to spread the word ... he's also got a wicked sense of humour and is incredibly bright so I think that probably helps too.'

# Fourth Kind just post-Blair wankery

## The Fourth Kind

Director: Olatunde Osunsanmi Stars: Milla Joyovich Classification: 14A

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In the first shot of The Fourth Kind, Milla Jovovich emerges from fogshrouded woods to inform us that the film we are about to see is based on real events. and that we should make up our own minds about its contents based on the evidence.

The spectacle of a movie star unabashedly pleading our indulgence is admittedly disarming, and things only get odder from there, with a cut to footage of the film's director Olatunde Osunsanmi, interviewing Dr. Abigail Tyler, a psychiatrist seemingly recovering from some severe trauma.

This sets up a conceit whereby the film alternates

between conventional narsequences with Jovovich playing Tyler whose troubles begin when she takes up her late husband's study of bizarre go-

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ings-on in Nome, Alaska and allegedly documentary footage from that period, including her interviews with patients wrestling with repressed memo-

ries of alien abductions.

A word to the impressionable (and based on the comments on the film's IMDB page, there are a lot of you): lot of you): There is no Dr. Abigail Tyler.

The increasingly implausible video-camera interludes are just so much post-Blair Witch wankery, and while the gimmick has made for good marketing, it hampers the onscreen product. The few effectively staged shocks can't make up for the unintentional hilarity



Milla Jovovich

# Director thinks inside The Box

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beloved debut Donnie Darko in 2001. This week he returns with The Box, a low-key thriller about a married couple (Cameron Diaz and James Marsden) who are given a strange box by a man with a rotting face (Frank Langella).

They are told that if they press the button in the box they will be given a million dollars, but someone somewhere in the world will die. It's the type of creepy and deceptively simple premise that would have made a classic episode of The Twilight Zone. Which is why it should come as know surprise that the film is

based on a short story by Richard Matheson, a long-time scribe for by Richard that show and childhood influence on Richard Kelly.

"The Box was a story that I was lucky enough to stumble upon as a child," Kelly told Metro. "I think I was 10 or 11 years

old when I first read it and then I was able to get the movie rights years later."

Though obviously a story that fits into Kelly's unique and dark style of filmmaking, it's also a far simpler tale than his previous movies. According to Kelly, The Box represented a deliberate attempt to scale back his ambitions.

"Coming off of some-thing as elaborate and complicated as Southland Tales I wanted to try something much smaller and more manageable," revealed Kel-ly. "It was kind of refreshing for me to be able focus on a more intimate story about a married couple and also to try and embrace the aesthetic of 1970s filmmaking." Kelly decided to set his story in the 1970s world of his childhood, even basing the main characters on

his parents. "It was a way to make the story emotional-The Box ly relevant to hits me and to pay tribute to them theatres and their experiences," admit-ted Kelly. "Plus this is the kind of

movie they would love. They love Alfred Hitchcock films and thrillers.'

Kelly was also able to



The Box is a thriller centred around a couple's dilemma.

wrangle some surprising talent to score the movie by hiring three members of The Arcade Fire to compose the music. "I met them at one of their concerts at the Hollywood Bowl. I gave them the script and a CD of Bernard Hermann's score for Vertigo," said Kelly. "It wasn't a traditional relationship with a composer, but it was one of the greatest collaborations that I've ever had with another artist."

• For The Box photos, a trailer or screen times, visit metornews.ca/movies

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# Screen Times

This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

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# Music

# Resistance spreads

Electronic act Champion embraces rock, adds new vocalist

BRIAN COULTON for Metro Canada

# "In life, if you don't go forward, you go backward."

The adage is familiar to Maxime Morin, advice commonly bestowed on him by his father while growing up in Québec.

It was with that maxim in mind the Montréalbased DJ, who performs under the moniker Champion, approached his latest album Resistance. The followup to 2004's Chill 'Em All certainly does reflect progression in the electronic artist's oeuvre, with heavier rock influences and wholly different vocal fronting.

But forward movement didn't come easy to Morin.

"When I started Resistance, after the first six months, I really felt I was going backward. I wasn't evolving, challenging myself, or going anywhere other than where I was," he said. Stuck in the musical mindset he'd perfected over three years touring Chill 'Em All, Morin trashed the initial tracks he recorded for Resistance and went into seclusion, an act he said was key to start recording as himself, without external influences.



Maxime Morin, who performs under the moniker Champion, is touring in support of latest album Resistance.

"When you isolate, you give yourself the ability to be a loser, to cry. Musically speaking, you allow yourself to compose bad songs." Morin said he was able to purge the scraps and make strides by acknowledging his personal weakness. "We are always trying to avoid it in our lives, with our ego, trying to be good, tough and come at the world in our best fashion.

But weaknesses are in us all the time."

To wean weakness, Morin focused on his strength: live performance. Knowing most people discover his music from Champion's energized live sets — always more rock-focused than his albums — Morin aimed to capitalize on the style.

"Rock is a song but it's

also a structure. Rock is lyrics-oriented," he said.

"In techno we have long tracks with no chorus. It's very primitive and I love it very much. That was a challenge for me, to compose music that was oriented on the lyrics and not the music or repetition."

Rock is also fixated on the frontman. So while Morin's decision to replace Chill 'Em All's unflappable baritone vocalist Betty Bonifassi (who's since made her own mark with Montréal electronic duo Beast) with Pierre-Philippe "Pilou" Côté may seem genre-discrepant, he justifies the switch on the basis of emotional equivalence.

"At the first concert I did with Betty, people were telling me, 'Oh, she looks like a junkie on stage. That's awful'," said Morin, "That's not awful, that's her! To look at her being so weak, that's gorgeous. I like that."

That's how Morin said he knew audiences would latch on to Pilou. "He can put his soul into it. He is intense, he's not lying and he's all there. If you're fake and trying to be rock stars or cheap pop crap, of course you have to be good liars or actors. We're not."

stripped away and guitars were reintroduced. The re-

sult is a proper Chris Cor-

nell song, re-imagined, de-

cluttered and grunged-up.

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Reaction has been swift.

Comments came in by the

dozens. The story contin-

ues to spread across the

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# De-Timbaland-izing Chris Cornell album



bviously, Chris
Cornell felt he
needed to
make a Big
Statement. After a quarter-century of
playing the grunge game
— with Soundgarden, Temple of the Dog, Audioslave,
a couple of solo records
and a James Bond theme
— he wanted to try something different.
For reasons known only

For reasons known only to him, he decided to hook up with Timbaland (Destiny's Child, Jay-Z, Jennifer Lopez, Rihanna and dozens more) to help him with this makeover.

He didn't give Cornell a makeover as much as he took over. The Scream album was pure Timbaland, full of electric R&B grooves, phat beats and backing vocals from people like Justin Timberlake. It was not what anyone expected (or wanted) from the voice behind Black Hole Sun and Rusty Cage. We should have taken the hint given in the cover art, which featured Cornell smashing a guitar.

Fans were confused, then scornful. The critics were savage. It was a bold experiment, but it failed. Enter Michael Fried-

man, a Canadian ex-pat working in LA licensing and placing music in TV shows and movies. He thought there was some

was son good Soundgarden-esque stuff buried in all that production

"I heard some Black Hole Sun greatness deep within some of the songs," he told me, "I also got to know Chris as a friend. I ended up calling Jordan Zadorozny (of the Canadian indie band Blinker the Star and co-writer of songs with Courtney Love and friend of Fleetwood Mac's Lindsey Buckingham)." I flew him down to L.A. and had him listen to

some of the tracks in hopes that he could remix them somehow."

The first track to be de-

The first track to be de-Timbaland-ized was Never Far Away. The messy, forced funk-

ish-

ness

was

I'm told Chris is pleased and excited by the response. Could this be the start of the rehabilitation of Chris Cornell's Scream album? If so, it's a made-in-Canada solution. And there's been no word from Timbaland. Yet.

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# Music

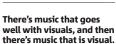


Jets Overhead is currently touring Canada in support of latest album No Nations.

# Jets Overhead ready for takeoff

# Victoria band blends driving rhythm with fuzzy guitars and soaring vocals

ROB MCMAHON for Metro Canada



Post-rock, minimal techno and prog-rock tend towards that visual quality—as does the work of Victoria-based space-rockers Jets Overhead. And as lead singer Adam Kittredge explained, visualization works as much for the band as it does for listen-

To focus in studio sessions, the band came up with a visual concept for their newest album, No Nations: A giant fountain.

"The drums are like the cement foundation (of the fountain). A jet underneath it is pumping the water up, and the main stream of water ... is the bass guitar," he explained. "The vocals are when the water reaches the point where gravity hits, and falls down and spreads out. We wanted to keep the vocals central, on top of the mix ... Then the different effects splay out all the fills, guitar, keyboard lines splashing down.

Listening to songs like Heading for Nowhere and Tired of the Comfort, the visual metaphor makes a lot of sense. Driving basslines anchor epic vocal harmonies from Kittredge and his co-lead singer (and wife) Antonia Freybe-Smith.

The image also helps explain the band's songwriting process, during which they work to capture spontaneity in carefully crafted structure. No Nations came together over weeks of extended jams recorded in the band's practice space. Kettridge gathered up this digital hoard, trimming some 80 tracks worth of material from hours of experimentation.

"I gleaned the best nuggets of aural ecstasy (from our jams), distilled them and passed them around," he said. "In band meetings and over email and phone, we talked about how to take those nuggets and use them in a verse-chorus-verse structure ... Then we went back to the recording studio again, put them together and imposed more structure."

The end result is a series of songs that blend driving rhythm with meandering, fuzzy guitars and soaring vocals. And while

the epic builds, album title (No Nations), vintage keyboard tones (courtesy of an ARP Solina), and millennial-themed lyrics suggest a grand theme, that wasn't the case.

"Our lyrics are stream of consciousness — what we were thinking in the moment. They reflect our universal thoughts, quandaries, worries, philosophies," said Kettridge. "A theme sort of emerged out of song titles and lyrics, but it wasn't all set out. This is not an album about globalism or anything like that, but maybe subconsciously that kind of theme emerged."



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# **Television**

# Late night newcomers

Sykes, Lopez bring new comedy to white men's domain

In the blink of an eye, latenight TV is shifting from a white men's club to the start of a rainbow coalition.

Wanda Sykes' weekly Fox comedy show debuts 11a p.m. EST Saturday, followed by George Lopez's four-night-a-week talk show on TBS, starting 11 p.m. EST Monday. They join The Mo'Nique Show on BET.

Lopez is counting on an Lopez is counting on an audience hungry for something different — as in the first Hispanic to host a nighttime talk show on a major network, cable or broadcast.

Sykes is the first black late-night host since the late when celebrities Earvin (Magic) Johnson and Keenan Ivory Wayans tried and failed to follow in Arsenio Hall's successful 1989-94 footsteps.

"There's a huge percentage of people not watching late-night TV at all," Lopez said, figuring that the shows headlined by hosts including David Letterman, Conan O'Brien and Jimmy Kimmel draw from roughly the same audience pool.

For people of colour, the actor and comedian said, "I don't think a lot of their needs are met with the current talk shows. I would pull a different audience.'

Shari Anne Brill, an analyst with media-buyer Carat USA in New York, echoes Lopez's assertion.

There is a huge, growing multicultural population in this country, and the current late-night fare doesn't really take them into account," she said.

But neither Lopez nor Sykes are talking about practising exclusionary TV. Lopez's ABC sitcom drew a cross-section of viewers, and Sykes said she expects

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Wanda Sykes' new late night show. The Wanda Sykes Show, debuts Saturday, Along with a new nighttime George Lopez talk show, the Sykes program is hoping to draw a cross-section of viewers.

her show to attract the same mixed crowd she gets at her standup appearances.

"Young, old, male, female, all races, gay, straight. I love the audience that I draw," Sykes said.

She rebuts the idea she got the job because of her gender, ethnicity or sexual orientation (the actress-co-median, who appears on CBS' The New Adventures of Old Christine, came out

as gay in 2008).
"I do understand the importance of being on a latenight talk show as a black, gay woman. But I've been at this for 20 years. I don't think they (networks) were saying, 'Hey, it would be fun to get a black woman on late-night. Who fits that

"I got this show in spite of being a black lesbian," she said, adding that viewers will tune in to see her or Lopez and not a type.

## "There is a huge, growing multicultural population in this country, and the current late-night fare doesn't really take them into account."

Shari Anne Brill, analyst with Carat USA

"It's all driven by the host. It's not what you're getting from a minority, it's us," Sykes said.

She doesn't see an "Obama effect" in the sudden late-night diversity, given that she was approached before the election of the first African-American U.S. president. But Lopez said his interest was piqued as he campaigned for the Democratic candidate.

"Being with Barack for a year and seeing the people and how their eyes and their faces filled with hope for him, for this country and, on a very smaller scale, to have a show that is

fun and can galvanize people and bring them together was appealing," he said.

two shows, as sketched by their hosts, will take different approaches.

Lopez promises to bring "the party back to late-night," signalling a looser, hipper hour in the tradition of The Arsenio Hall Show, said analyst Bill Carroll of media buyer Katz Television in New York. Sykes is planning Bill Maher-type panels with both lighthearted and serious discussion of politics and culture as part of her mix.

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Singer Bono performs with his band U2 at the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin on Thursday. The concert, celebrating 20 years since the Berlin Wall fell, was in conjunction with the 2009 European MTV Awards.

# Beyonce's triple win, U2 plays tribute at MTV Awards

MUSIC Berlin loves Beyonce.

The R&B superstar scooped up three wins Thursday at the 16th annual MTV Europe Music Awards, including trophies for best female, best song for Halo and best video for her No. 1 smash, Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It).

When she won the best video award, she thanked Jay-Z — who just happens to be her husband — for "putting a ring on it."

Jay-Z was also honoured, winning MTV Europe's best urban act - though he said he looked forward to the day when "all those awards come down" that it's just music, plain and simple, adding "Danke schoen" (thank you in German) before leaving the stage.

Other winners included Green Day, the established trio whose punk-influenced tunes have garnered it a fan legion worldwide. The trio won the award for best rock act while U2, which earlier Thursday performed a six-song miniset in front of the German capital's iconic Brandenburg Gate, won best live

U2 frontman Bono paid tribute to Berlin, which

# **Other winners**

• Lady Gaga took best new act though she was not in person, having had to stay in New York and Eminem took home the best male award. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

marks the 20th anniversary of the collapse of the Berlin Wall on Monday, for its grit and determination. The band recorded its LP Achtung Baby in the city and drew inspiration from reunification to write its oft-played single One.

German pop quartet Tokio Hotel, which has toured steadfastly and built up a fan base outside of Germany won best group and played a set that saw its amps and equipment light up in organized pyrotechnics.

Katy Perry, who hosted the show for the second consecutive year, lauded Berlin and Germany, citing its history of division by the wall and sported a bevy of toned-down yet sultry costumes that hearkened back to Berlin's Weimarera of hedonism and decadence.

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# Movies





Michael Welch and Anna Kendrick play two key human characters in the Twilight franchise.

# Mere mortals in **Twilight zone**

CHRIS ALEXANDER

Around the planet, legions of obsessive fans are wringing their hands in anticipation for Friday. Nov. 20: The day New Moon — the second big screen instalment of the beloved teenage vampire story — sees the light of

the projector beam.
The saga of gentle bloodsucker Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and his mortal muse Bella (Kristen Stewart) takes a darker turn with this bigger, more ambitious sequel, which sees romantic complications ensue in the form of friend Jacob Black (Taylor Laut-

ner), a werewolf who takes New Moon more than just a shine to the conflicted hero-

Nov. 20th But though it's Pattinson and Stewwho receive art the lion's share of the and heart-throbbing tabloid attention, the peripheral players in the Twilight world have also seen their lives change almost overnight.

With the coming of New Moon, co-stars Michael

"There are tons of fans who have accepted me but just as many who criticize the weirdest things." Michael Welch

Welch and Anna Kendrick whose turns as Bella's sweet but oblivious human pals help keep the narrative grounded in reality are getting ready for the next step in their flashbulb and fan mail soaked ca-

character hasn't "Mv changed all that much," says Welch, 22, who plays swooning third wheel Mike Newton.

"Mike is still head over heels love with Bella only this time he gets caught up in vampire werewolf love triangle that develops.

The followers of Meyer's books have been generally positive about Welch's portrayal of Mike, though as the actor says, the Internet is best to be avoided.

"The Net is a scary place," Welch sighs. "There Net is a scary

are tons of fans who have accepted me but just as many who criticize the weirdest things. Some of them fixate on how I look, like they don't like my nose or whatever. I try not to read that stuff, but it's

Co-star Kendrick reprises her role as Jessica, who despite being friends with Bella — still harbours jealousy towards her, especially when it comes to Mike, her not so secret crush. But, despite her raised proin the franchise, Kendrick hasn't fallen pray to the sort of media swarming that Stewart

"I have my cake and eat it too," she says. "I go about my day and no one recognizes me, I can still leave the house."

This, however, change, not only because of her stint in New Moon. but for her featured role in another cult property, director Edgar Wright's upcoming comic book adaptation Scott Pilgrim vs. The World.

"Going to Comic-Con this year was a trip," Kendrick quips. "You have your Twilight geeks and your Edgar Wright geeks talking to me, both totally diehard and so different. But I think we should all just get along, you know?"

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# **Television**



Kristina Matisic, left, and Anna Wallner are the hosts of the new style and beauty makeover series called Beauty Call on W Network.

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# Beauty on a budget

# The Shopping Bags hosts team up for new makeover series

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Shopping guru Kristina Matisic says knowing how to shop doesn't mean vou alwavs make the right decisions.

definitely how to shop for clothes,' says Matisic, co-host of the new beauty-on-a-budget series Anna and Kristina's Beauty Call, premiering Tuesday on the W Net-

"But we don't always know style. And I think our new show is all about our search for style."

Best known for her long-

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running The Shopping Bags series, Matisic is onceagain teaming up with cohost Anna Wallner for this new show, which

aims to help Kristina and viewers pull beauty off **Anna's Beauty** and style on Call premieres a budget.

To do this, Matisic and Wallner will test every beauty

product imaginable, talk to experts, and offer up a makeover to a fashion victim. However, unlike other "makeover" shows, Beauty Call will feature nothing but "willing" participants.

Tuesday night

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"All our candidates vol-unteered," laughs Matisic. "But we're not out to change their whole life just a specific look for a specific time."

For instance, in the opening episode the duo

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and Wallner's choices in fashion often come under the critical eye of experts, including Lisa Tant, editor-in-chief of Flare magazine.

"We definitely put our taste under the microscope on this," she says.

Since The Shopping Bags debuted in 1999, the TV landscape has exploded with dozens of shopping, fashion and makeover-related series of varying quality and interest. Matisic says what has always set her work apart from the others is her on-screen chemistry with co-host Wallner.

"People just like to watch our relationship and the differences that we have," says Matisic, who shares a background in television news with Wallner.

"But while we want to give information to people, we also want to enter-tain. To give them stuff they can use but do it in a fun way. That's what we always tried to do with Shopping Bags. And that's what we do with Beauty Call."

Matisic and Wallner now have their own company, Worldwide Bag Media, to handle their current and future projects.

"One goal is to get into producing stuff that we're not in," says Matisic. "And not about shopping."







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Aboriginal Day Music Speaks First Nation

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#### The show will not go on

Bette Midler will perform her Las Vegas show The Showgirl Must Go On for the last time on Jan. 31. Midler's show has had a home for nearly two years at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace. Her stint at Caesars began on Feb. 20, 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# **Television**

# No Doubt sues game company

No Doubt has sued video game maker Activision for putting words in band members' mouths.

The band on Wednesday sued Activision Publishing Inc. over a feature in the new Band Hero game that allows players to control virtual band members and have them sing other artists' songs.

The lawsuit claims a feature allows players to have lead singer Gwen Stefani perform suggestive lyrics from the Rolling Stones' hit Honky Tonk Women. The suit also notes a virtual version of bassist Tony Kanal can be made to sing his band's hit Just a Girl, but with Stefani's voice.

but with Stefani's voice.
The game, an offshoot of
Activision's popular Guitar
Hero series, went on sale
Tuesday.

The company, which is based in Santa Monica, Calif., said in a statement that it engaged in extensive negotiations with No Doubt's management and have a valid written agreement for their participation in Band Hero.

No Doubt's lawsuit states the band objected to the "Character Manipulation Feature" in "Band Hero" that allows players to use No Doubt's likeness to perform other bands' songs, but Activision refused to change the game.

The feature turns the band "into a virtual karaoke circus act," the lawsuit claims.

The band is seeking unspecified damages and an order barring Activision from using band members' likeness to perform other artists' songs.

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## In **brief**

COURTS Oprah Winfrey says she's keeping singer BeBe Winans off her show until domestic violence charges against him are resolved. Winans was charged with misdemeanour domestic assault last winter for allegedly pushing ex-wife Debra Winans to the ground. He has a court date set for Jan. 20.

VIVA ELVIS Elvis is coming to The Strip — Cirque du Soleil style. Cirque du Soleil announced yesterday that its new show in Las Vegas will be called Viva ELVIS. The show will be a tribute to the life and music of Elvis Presley. It will have a permanent home at the Aria Resort&Casino at MGM Mirage's CityCenter complex.

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#### Kid Rock joins CMA Awards lineup

Kid Rock is set to join the lineup for the Country Music Association Awards as the five-time Grammy nominee joins previously announced genre-crossers Dave Matthews and Daughtry. The show is set to air on ABC next Wednesday. PEOPLE.COM

# **Going Out**

# Mix of Six

#### **QMJHL Hockey**

When: Friday, Saturday 7

Where: Halifax Metro Centre.

The Halifax Mooseheads return home for back-toback home games, first against Val-d'Or and then Prince Edward Island.

# Remembrance with John McDermott When: Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Sun-

day, 2 p.m.

Where: Rebecca Cohn Auditorium

Irish Tenor John McDermott joins Symphony Nova Scotia to pay tribute to our veterans in this very special Remembrance Day performance. \$29 to \$49.

# **Los Primos Havana** Nights When: Saturday, 8 p.m.

Where: Lord Nelson Hotel Ball Room

The second annual gala fundraiser for Los Primos celebrates 11 years of inspiring youth through musical and cultural exchange featuring a silent auction, show and dance.

#### **Ron James**

When: Saturday through Monday, 8 p.m. Where: Rebecca Cohn Audi-

This Canadian funny man, who now has his own show on CBC, is coming to Halifax to perform his stage show titled Mental For Anything. \$48.

# Christmas at the

Forum When: Friday through Sunday, doors open at 10a.m. Where: Halifax Forum

Get into the holiday spirit with this three-day event, which, in its 32nd vear, is Canada's largest, longest running and best attended festival of crafts, antiques, food and art.

#### **No Great Mischief**

When: Through Nov. 15 Where: Fountain Hall, Neptune Theatre

The third play of the Neptune season features the staging of Cape Breton author Alistair MacLeod's award-winning book. nep tunetheatre.com

# Metro's **7**th **Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now

**Up/In The Loop** 

DVD Make it a double bill next week. Both are colourful comedies on the surface — Up about a wid-

ower making the trip of his life in a balloon-propelled house, In The Loop about the alo-American politics.

bumbling idiocy of An-But shades of black creep into the animated

adventure — a new high point for Pixar. And Loop maybe the darkest satire of the year. Get ready for the laughs to stick in your

## **Mad Men Season Finale**

Will Don and Betty Draper get a divorce? Will Peggy finally leave Sterling Cooper? Will Pete Campbell go back to work? Will they solve the Kennedy assassination? Too many questions (OK, we all know the answer to the last one). One episode. You know what to do.

New Super Mario Bros. (Wii) GAME Rock Mario old school. The new title is a throwback to the '80s arcade classics that made jumping. stomping baddies and collecting mushrooms such a cool thing. Nintendo has al so listened to what fans have been clamouring for decades — four people can now play on-screen at the same time.

**Fido Film Awards** 

**HONOUR** Four-legged screen stars are vying for these awards, billed as the canine equivalent of the Oscars. Nominees include the animated dog stars of Bolt and Up, and the titular mutt in Marley and Me, among others. The winners will be chosen by a panel of British film critics and announced at the end of this month in London.

**Ford County: John Grisham BOOK** A collection of short stories is commercial suicide for most writers. Not so for the bestselling author of legal thrillers. Grisham's imagined vignettes of small-town attorneys and their clients have started a publishing price war. Both Wal-Mart and Amazon are offering competing deals for pre-orders. And with Christmas around the

**Lego Movies** FREND Got a creative block? Turn to Lego. Films made from the kiddie favourite are all the rage on YouTube these days. There's Lego Star Wars, The Lego

corner, it will surely make its way to millions of gift lists.

Ultimatum (with a smashing action sequence from the Bourne Series) ... the list goes on. Most impressive of them all is a re-imagined trailer for The Dark Night.

> Phrazes for The Young: Julian Casablancas

ALBUM Most of his band buddies have done it. Now it's his turn. The Strokes' front man's debut solo effort maybe a mixed bag but admit it, it's next the best thing to having a full-fledged album from the New York hipsters. And if this effort is any indicator, expect some techno-country and synthgospel in the next Strokes release.

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# Sesame Street turns 40

SUNNY DAYS ... Big Bird is leaving Sesame Street!

That's what he decides on the Sesame Street season opener. A rapping realestate agent pitches him on migrating to a new habitat ("habitat," the episode's Word on the Street).

After sizing up a beach and a swamp for his new habitat, Big Bird chooses a rain forest.

But then he comes to his senses with a musical number.

"Sesame Street is my habitat!" he sings. "Sesame Street is my home!"

Indeed, Big Bird — that towering, yellow-feathered 6-year-old - has been calling Sesame Street home for four decades, ever since the show premiered on Nov. 10, 1969.

Now, as it marks its 40th anniversary on Tuesday on PBS (check local listings), he remains an essential member of the flock.

He is still brought to life by Caroll Spinney, who also plays trash-can denizen Oscar the Grouch.

A realm of sunny days where everything's A-OK, the series starts its new season with episode 4187, which features the letter H and, naturally, the number

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Britney in Australia
The kangaroos have a new reason to jump: Britney Spears has landed in Australia. "Longest flight ever but we had a great time ... So Movies & entertainment 35 excited to be here," she Tweeted upon landing Thursday morning. She starts her 15-show Circus tour in the country Friday. PEOPLE.COM

# **Entertainment**

# Rihanna's message: Don't get blinded

Rihanna said yesterday that she regrets returning to ex-boyfriend Chris Brown after he left her bruised and battered during a February assault, warning other women facing domestic violence to not let themselves be blinded by love.

"It's completely normal

to go back. You start lying to yourself," the 21-year-old singer said on Good Morning America in her first TV interview follow-ing the beating. "I'll say that to any young girl who is going through domestic violence: 'Don't react off of

Brown, 20, was arrested

Feb. 8, hours after he was accused of beating Rihanna after the couple attended a pre-Grammy Awards party. He later pleaded guilty to felony assault and a judge ordered Brown and Rihanna to stay away from each other.

In the interview, Rihanna, who is no longer with

said she Brown, ashamed to go back to him after the attack.

"That's embarrassing that's the type of person I fell in love with. So far in love, so unconditional, that I went back," she said. 'That's not what I want to teach people."

The attack occurred in Los Angeles' Hancock Park neighbourhood as Brown drove a rented sports car. A Los Angeles police detective described a brutal attack in a search warrant affidavit filed in the case, stating Brown hit, choked and bit Rihanna and tried at one point to push her A photo of her face was circulated the Internet.

In her interview with Good Morning America,

Rihanna said she soon realized that, as a role model to young women, her returning to Brown sent the wrong message.

"When I realized that my selfish decision for love could result in some young girl getting killed, I could not be easy with that part. I couldn't be held responsi-

from the car. "I'll say that to any bruised voung girl who is going through domestic violence:

'Don't react off of love." Rihanna telling them, 'Go back,'" she said.

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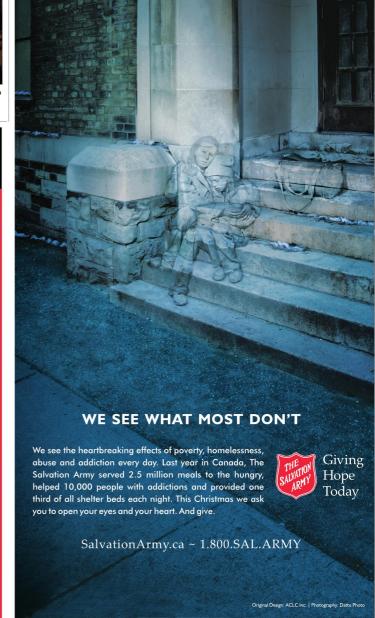
girls' lives until that happened," she added. "It was a wake-up call for me, big time, especially when I took myself out of the situation."

ABC will air more of the interview on Friday's Good Morning America and then Friday evening on the news magazine 20/20.

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In this image released by ABC, Diane Sawyer, left, interviews singer Rihanna about her relationship with ex-boyfriend Chris Brown in New York. The interview aired on the morning program Good Morning America on Thursday and will also air Friday on the prime time news program 20/20





36 movies&entertainment produced more of the composer's works than any other U.S. theatre. Lansbury is a five-time Tony Award-winning Broadway musical star. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Actress Angela Lansbury will be the first recipient of the Stephen Sondheim Award from a Washington-area theatre that has

# **Entertainment**

# Mo'Nique's role as 'the forgotten'

lot. So the comedian knew she would be taking on a tough mental challenge when she decided to play the role of Mary Jones the vicious, abusive mother in the critically acclaimed film Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire.

She was up to the task for most of the movie. But she admits that there was one scene that required so much hate that she almost fell apart. "There was one time that I got scared because I didn't think that my mind or heart could go to that place," she said.

But she pulled it off with a portrayal so searing, so devastating, that she's being touted as a possible Oslows Clareece (Precious) Iones, an overweight, illiterate and abused Harlem teen who is pregnant. Precious, played by newcomer Gabourey (Gabby) Sidibe, is constantly discouraged by mother, played by Mo'Nique.

You're known for making people laugh and Mary Jones is almost the complete opposite. How was it for you to play that role?

Rewarding. I was excited. It was challenging because I love to laugh, baby, I love to laugh. But it was apprebecause I know of any other director that would have given two

portunity to do what we did ... The world needs to see it because guess what, Mary Jones exists, baby. So does Precious.

How would you describe the film?

It is about a forgotten people. It is about obesity. It's about molestation. It's about cruelty. It's about HIV/AIDS. But it's about triumph — and that's the beauty of the movie. People say, 'How do you walk way saying it's beautiful?' When you watch it and you understand, through it all, somebody can pick themselves up and keep it moving, that's beautiful ... So I was proud to be a part

of something that is very honest, and Lee Daniels, baby, he's going to give it to you. He's going to give it to you raw. No chaser, no lollipop licking, this is it. It's the dirt, it's the grime, it's what we're afraid of.

Did you hate the character you were portraying?

Reading the book, I disliked what she did. I won't say I disliked her, but I disliked what she did. Getting to that last scene of Mary Jones, I understood her. For as crazy as that sounds, you don't excuse it, but you don't want to judge it. Because it's easy to say that she's a monster, she's cruel, she's mean, but then who took out the time to

to you, baby?" That's why I say they're the forgotten people.

Did you leave the character on the set or did you ever take some of the baggage home?

I left it right there. I had to. And my husband, who is just amazing, Sydney, he said, "Don't judge it and don't take it off the set, walk away. When you're done, let it go..." It made me look at us differently. It made me look at mental illness differently. And it made me say ... I could wake up the next day out of my mind, I would want somebody to say, "I give a damn." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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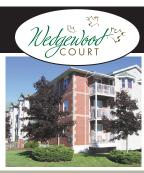
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A documentary based on Toronto journalist Naomi Klein's book Shock Doctrine will make its North American premiere at the Sundance Film Festival. The film will debut Jan. 28, 2010 in Park City, Utah. THE CANADIAN PRESS

# **Entertainment**

# Beyonce accused of 'disturbing social peace'

As Egypt gears for pop diva Beyonce Knowles' first performance in North Africa, Islamic conservatives are branding her show an "insolent sex party" that threatens the Muslim nation's "social peace and stability"

On giant posters plastered across the Egyptian capital advertising the Friday evening concert, Beyonce sports a revealing, flame-covered outfit — a sharp contrast to Cairo streets, where most women wear the traditional Muslim headscarves.

TV ads promoting the show, part of Beyonce's I Am ... world tour, have run on Egyptian and Arab satellite stations. The tour, which also took Beyonce to the United Arab Emirates

last week, had grossed \$53.5 million as of October, according to Billboard magazine.

But in Egypt, Islamic lawmakers and their supporters have waged campaigns on social networking Web sites, accusing the government of encouraging debauchery and calling for the concert's cancellation.

"Why are you encouraging this insolent sex party?" lawmaker Hamdi Hassan from the opposition Muslim Brotherhood wrote in a letter to the government. "You are accused of disturbing social peace and stability, encouraging vice and debauchery."

Another Islamic lawmaker, Ali Laban, called for banning the "nudity concert." A Facebook cam-

paign against Beyonce's concert collected nearly 10,000 supporters.

But the war of words has not derailed the glitzy concert, due hundreds of miles south of Cairo in the luxury Red Sea resort of Port Ghalib. Organizers said "ultra" security will be deployed to protect the thousands of concertgoers.

Beyonce cancelled her stop in Malaysia last month following opposition from a conservative Islamic party. Malaysia requires female artists to cover up from the shoulders to the knees and bans any showing of cleavage.

Beyonce's event organizer Ahmed Beltagi said tourism and police officials co-operated to make the concert happen.

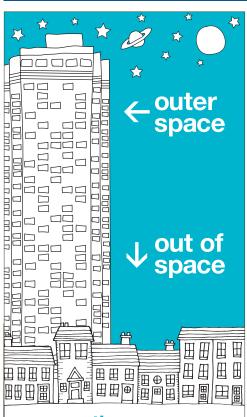
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Beyonce is scheduled for her first performance in North Africa.

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**Celebrity tweets** 

Miley Cyrus doesn't want to be "an idol" for her young fans, femalefirst.co.uk reports. She insists she would rather be a role model who people look up to than an idealistic figure that teenagers want to be like. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Celebrity Buzz

## **Kidman burns** diaries and snubs **Twitter talk**

PRIVATE PERSON Nicole Kidman won't be among the throngs of celebrities flocking to Twitter anytime soon. "If you know what is going on inside somebody's head all the time, that's not a good place," the actress tells British GQ magazine. And, she adds, don't expect to see any of her diaries going public, especially not anything from her years with Tom Cruise. "You (shouldn't) read somebody's diary. So I burned most of my journals after I remarried,"



# Hasselhoff seen boozing again?

wagon again, as multiple sources spotted the Ameriaccording to TMZ.

Hasselhoff was reportedly escorted off the premises by three security guards after getting into an alterca-



# **Alex and Kate celebrate late**

team won their 27th World Series — beating the Philadelphia Phillies 7-3 — New York Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez and Kate Hudson hit NYC hot spot 10ak, along with Rodriguez's mom. Lourdes Navarro, and his sister, Suzy.

They celebrated along-side Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter and his girlfriend Minka Kelly. driguez, 34, and Hudson, "got there at 2 a.m., but Kate left after a halfhour while A-Rod stayed close to 5 am.," a source

"Minka and Derek seemed really happy, as did they all, and didn't leave until 5 as well."

Since meeting Rodriguez this past May, Hudson has follows closely during winning him during ing games in Miami and and Toronto. Yan-

kee Stadium Wednes day night.

cheered on (along with Spike Lee, Donald Trump, Regis Philbin and Mary J.



who sang the national an-

Although she denied engagement talk in the December issue of British Elle, Hudson is more than smitten with her beau, Us Weekly recently reported. Us also reported that Hudson

has been mellowing out Rodriguez, a notorious egomaniac.

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AND FIGHTING WITH A SENIOR It seems David Hasselhoff has allegedly allen off the ca's Got Talent judge making a scene at a Canadian casino last weekend,

tion with an elderly patron



# Fergie's husband has stripper sex? RAUNCHY RUMOURS The new the Tattletale club where

issue of Us Weekly has more details on Josh Duhamel's alleged fling with an Atlanta stripper, 115magazine.com re Nicole Forrester — a single

34-year-old ously said on The Bert on Atlanta's Q100-FM that they "had of

lots sex" at a hotel after he came into

she works in Atlanta. Forrester's lawyer, Romin Alavi, tells the new Us Week-"They fell asleep together, and he kept waking her up to have more sex. During night, Forrester claims.

Fer-

gie's

name came up just once: "After he told me his real name, I asked, 'Are you Fergie's husband?' And he was like, 'You know what you know.'"

A lawyer for Duhamel strongly denies the stripper's claims — and wife Fergie, 34, is standing by her man, Us Weekly reports.

"Fergie says nothing is wrong. Every time I ask her how married life is, she says, 'Awesome!'" says a source. Another source tells Us Weekly, "Josh told her it didn't happen, and she believes him.

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# Lovato loves Joe, but not like that

'HE'S INCREDIBLE' Heard a rumour from a little bird? Well, Demi Lovato has Tweeted a firm denial regarding those reports that she is dating Joe Jonas, people.com reports. There's been a lot of rumours lately that I'm dating one of my best friends Joe. I can promise my entire career that I am not. It's unfortunate that some people out there are so desperate for attention that they have to make up gossip to keep their site alive," Lovato wrote on her official Twitter page. She added of her Camp

Rock 2 costar, "We've NEV-ER dated. He's incredible, but we don't have feelings

in that way. I love you guys, and I wouldn't lie about that." WORLD



## Klum talks weight loss after baby

NO WAITING Heidi Klum is barely out of the maternity ward after delivering her fourth child, and she's already talking about losing the baby weight. "I wouldn't say I'm back in shape yet. Everything changes when you get older," she says, according to Contact Music. "I think that if you wait too long and it

sticks there it stays that way forever. I have to be motivated." метко WORLD NEWS

# Eddie nabbed LeAnn 'for the publicity': Source

WAS RIMES BLIND? Eddie Cibrian is allegedly already cheating on LeAnn Rimes, the actress he left his wife for earlier this Style &

Weekly reports that Cibrian has been spotted stepping out

woman named Scheana Marie Jancan, who has has previously been linked to John Mayer. "Eddie has recently started seeing Scheana again. a source tells the magazine.

"He told her he's only LeĂnn for the publicity and that he plans to end things with her soon.

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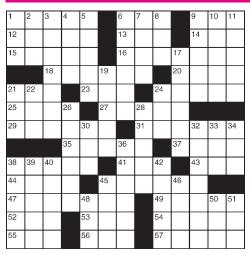








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# **Take Five**



#### **Yogurt-marinated** Chicken

#### INGREDIENTS:

1/2 cup (125 ml) fat-free yogourt 3 garlic cloves, minced 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice

1 tbsp (15 ml) canola oil 1 tsp (5 ml) sugar 1 tsp (5 ml) chili powder

1 tbsp (15 ml) minced fresh ginger 1/2 tsp (2 ml) salt 1/2 tsp (2 ml) ground

cumin 6 bone-in chicken breast halves

1 In large resealable plastic bag, combine yogurt, garlic, lemon juice, oil, sugar and seasonings; add chicken. Seal bag and turn to coat; refrigerate 1 to 8 hours or overnight. 2. Coat grill rack with nonstick cooking spray before starting grill. Prepare grill for indirect heat. Drain and discard marinade. Grill chicken, covered, bone side down over indirect medium heat 2 minutes. Turn; grill 25-35 minutes longer or until juices

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#### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Even an Aries is allowed to get it wrong now and again so don't get angry with someone simply because they point out where you are going wrong.

You know what needs to be done and you know that it must be done, so why do you still hesitate to act? Could it be you are having doubts?

#### **TAURUS** APRIL 21-MAY 21

It might be wise to take what a work colleague says as the very opposite of what they mean. Sometimes you have to act on the worst case assumption.

#### **SCORPIO** OCT 24-NOV 22

No matter how much others may curse and shout and hurl insults in your direction nothing they say can possibly hurt you, so don't be intimidated.

#### **GEMINI** MAY 22-JUNE 21

On the web

How do they

expect us to MATE

with all this transparency!?

Sit down, put your feet up and let others do the running around for a change. The Sun's transit of the work and wellbeing area of your chart may be encouraging.

#### **SAGITTARIUS** NOV 23-DEC 21

Keep your thoughts to yourself today, especially if you are one of those Sags who tends to talk at a rate of knots and give too

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

No matter how sure you are of your own abilities you cannot possibly do everything alone and what happens today will encourage you to open up.

#### CAPRICORN **DEC 22-JAN 20**

What appears to be a setback early in the day will have you jumping for joy by the time the Sun goes down, so don't let that frown get stuck on your face.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

Not everything is what it seems at the moment, most likely because you have placed your trust in someone who has been playing games behind your back.

# **AQUARIUS**

JAN 21-FEB 18
If you are happy with your life the way it is, that's fine, don't change a thing, but if you want to make changes now is the

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

It's not often you let your emo-tions get the better of you but there will be times today when

you find it very hard not to scream out loud

#### FFR 19-MARCH 20

This is an extremely lucky time for you, so why the feeling of im-pending doom? It's most likely just a holdover from a time when you were not so fortunate.

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# This day in history

1861: American Civil War: Jefferson Davis is elected president of the Confederate States of America.

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1913: Mohandas Gandhi is arrested while leading a march of Indian miners in South Africa.

1944: Plutonium is first produced at the Hanford Atomic Facility and subsequently used in the Fat Man Atomic bomb dropped on Nagasaki, Japan.

1971: The United States Atomic Energy Commission tests the largest U.S. underground hydrogen bomb, code-named Cannikin, on Amchitka Island in the Aleutians.

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